

## Cornerstone Parents,

Summertime is here! Continuing to actively engage the brain is a very important part of your child's education! We know all young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities over the summer. In fact, most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computations skills during the summer months. At Cornerstone, we believe in the importance of children being "children" and enjoying the carefree summer months, but we also don't want them to regress in important skills like reading and math.

To help combat this loss, we have math and reading requirements for our rising fifth through eighth grade students. You should find that these activities take on average 60 minutes for the entire week. We respect that summer is an important family time and we want our students to play and enjoy their summer months.

Cornerstone's summer reading and math assignments are posted on our school website. Please go to the school website to find these assignments.

You will receive the IXL log in information individually at your primary parent email address. Your child has been using IXL and various applications like it during the school year (even if in attendance elsewhere) and should feel comfortable completing these assignments independently. If you go on vacation for a week or if you find it difficult to complete a week, you can visit it the following week but please make sure that your student practices regularly. Please do not wait until the end of the summer to complete the assignments. The intent of the summer work is continued practice to review those skills.

The middle school teachers will be monitoring the summer math work by checking for weekly usage of the IXL website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Tamel at <a href="mailto:ttamel@cornerstonecougars.net">ttamel@cornerstonecougars.net</a>.

Finally, we ask that all students complete their math work and turn in their assigned summer reading documents to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school, Monday, August 15.

Enjoy the relaxed pace of summer, Cornerstone Middle School Team