



At Rumsey Hall, we believe that keeping our students' skills fresh over the summer is important. Each summer, we ask our students to read and practice their math skills. Summer reading and math practice are crucial for young learners to maintain their academic skills and prevent the "summer slide" that can occur during long breaks from school. Math practice during the summer can also help students retain important concepts and prepare for the next grade level. By reading regularly during the summer, children can improve their vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills while developing a lifelong love of reading.

Lower School Summer Math

- Complete their *Summer Math Skills Sharpener* book as a review of this year's work and bring the completed book back on the first day of school.
 - This program is meant to be used three to four times per week for 10 weeks to explore important math concepts covered during the school year.
 - Each day's work should take about 20-30 minutes to complete.
 - Parent Note: Each book includes tutorial help pages for students and parents to review. Please be sure to look over the "Instructions for Parents" page, and *don't forget to check over their work as you go.*
- Looking for a bit more math enrichment?
 - Check out our ["Math in Play" games list](#) (pg.4). There's nothing like playing games that promote number sense, mathematical literacy, fair play, and family fun!
 - Returning students looking for more math enrichment can turn to Khan Academy, Prodigy, Zearn Math, and XtraMath.

Lower School Summer Reading

- All rising Primes (2nd graders) through Illrd Formers (5th graders) are to read at least three chapter books and record their reading on our [Lower School Summer Reading Log](#) (pg.1). Pre-Kindies to Pre-Primes (1st graders) are asked to read as many books as possible (reading log optional).
- Get ready to dive into the world of literature with Rumsey's exciting summer reading theme - Relationships! As a Lower School, we will connect our [Blue Dog Character Words](#) (pg.3) to this theme by asking students to pay attention to the relationships between characters and think about how their character traits - both good and bad - help or hinder the development of these relationships throughout the story.

- When we return from summer break, students will gather in mixed-age groups to celebrate their summer reading and share how the relationships between book characters developed based on their character traits. It's also a great way to discover new titles to add to your reading list as well as a way to make new connections with students in other grades.
- Families looking for additional summer reading skills-work can visit the Readworks Summer Reading page to download grade-level specific packets ranging through high school that include answer pages for quick correction. [Link to Readworks Summer Reading Packet pages.](#)