

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"The Scholarship City"

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year is just about over, but the learning does not have to stop! Summer is the perfect time to read a new book or re-read an old favorite, to learn more about something that caught your interest, or something with which you struggled during the school year. It is a time to explore interests, take up a new hobby, and visit local landmarks and attractions. Summer offers the best opportunity for students to learn more about the things that interest them while they put a stop to summer learning loss.

What's summer learning loss? Summer learning loss is an unfortunate phenomenon which results in the average student losing 2 months of reading skills, and more than 2 months of math skills over the summer. It's the reason 90% of teachers report spending at least 3 weeks re-teaching lessons at the start of each school year. And it's why I am excited to share with you our new **Summer Bucket Lists** for elementary and middle school students!


What's the Summer Bucket List? Available online at www.fallriverschools.org, these fun, family-friendly, and free activities integrate math, reading, writing, art, history, and physical fitness. Most importantly, they encourage family and friends to enjoy time together in and around our beautiful city while preventing summer learning loss!

What do you have to do? Each Summer Bucket List includes suggested activities to interest and meet the needs of wide range of students. In addition to the suggested activities, there are three (noted with red bullets) **required** activities to be completed by students and returned to teachers at the start of the new school year. Please note that your child's teacher may also be providing summer work that is grade-level or school specific, and this work should be completed as well. (Middle School GATE students will complete only those assignments assigned by the program director, but students are encouraged to explore the list for other learning opportunities.)

Share your experiences! Post pictures of yourself and others participating in any of these fun activities! Use the hashtag #FRPSSummerFun. With your support we want to make this a summer that encourages your child to fall in love with learning and put a stop to summer learning loss.

Stay healthy, this summer. Get outside, drink plenty of water, and wear plenty of sunscreen. I wish you all a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer of learning!

Cordially,



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