

Dear Families,

Please visit <https://www.fa.org/> for summer math recommendations for your rising 5th grader. Follow these steps to easily locate the resources:

- Click on the **Parents** button (located to the left of the Alumni and Login buttons).
- Scroll down and click on the **Middle School** tab
- Choose the **Summer Assignments** tab

Provided in this section you will find resources for your child to practice math. Worksheets can provide practice, but without connections to the real world, math can become a chore. We would rather children make connections to real world problem solving and explore math in a fun and exciting way.

We do not require summer work, but **highly recommend** that you help bridge the gap by at least using the summer math calendar provided. Just a little each day can go a long way to helping students remember what they have learned. You may want to have your child record work in a journal (any notebook will do); here, your child can explain his/her thinking in words, pictures and numbers. Being able to communicate their mathematical reasoning is an important skill we want to encourage. If the journal isn't working, then have a daily math talk and have your child solve the problem orally. If the thought of doing math everyday becomes torture, adjust it to meet the needs of your family. Consider doing *Math Mondays* where your child solves a week of problems at once. Our goal is to provide a simple way to work math into your summer fun.

On the resources page, you will find a link to Khan academy where students can review concepts and then practice specific skills with follow up work.

Happy Summer!

Be well,

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