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Dear Lower School Families:

Thank you for the continued support of your child and the IDEAL community this year, especially as we embarked on our period of distance learning. We could not have given our students the continuity of instruction and support we were able to provide without the structure and consistency you gave them at home. Your partnership has been invaluable.

As we begin summer break, I am hopeful that you and your family will find time in the coming weeks to rest and rejuvenate after a challenging spring semester. As educators, our focus also turns to the reinforcement and retention of learned skills. Classroom teachers have shared comprehensive, grade-level summer work plans that include the following:

- A suggested summer reading list
- Links to grade-level specific websites and apps to reinforce skills in reading and math along with any needed login information and suggested time commitments per week
- Information about how your child can participate in our Lower School summer reading incentive program, **Super Summer Readers**
- Suggestions for a book project based on one book that your child reads over the summer to be used as a transition piece when school begins in the fall

We are fortunate to have the iPads that were gifted to us by Horace Mann to ensure access to a wide range of online resources that will make summer learning fun and engaging. Though administrators will be taking periodic breaks over the coming weeks, please reach out to me via email if you encounter any technical difficulties and I will be happy to put you in touch with our IT Department as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your steadfast support. We could not have done this without you. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Best regards,
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