Dear Middle School Families,

As we celebrate the end of another wonderful school year, we turn our attention to the joys of summer vacation and excitement of the year ahead. In an effort to bridge the transition and help students keep their minds and skills sharp in the coming months, the Middle School faculty and administration have developed a summer work program, which will ensure that students pick up in September where they leave off in June.

All of the information and resources highlighted below will be accessible through SPSG’s webpage under the new families tab on the admission page.

**English Summer Reading and Written Component**
Each SPSG student has assigned summer reading for her English/Humanities class. She can read any digital or print edition of her book. Families are responsible for purchasing their summer reading books. Faculty will dedicate time to the discussion of the assigned summer reading in September, and thus books should be completed before returning to school.

**Summer Math Work**
In order to help students retain the information they have learned and prepare for the upcoming school year, the math department has coordinated summer work packets for each course. The summer work provides an opportunity for the girls to review important mathematical ideas and supports our goal of providing the girls with the best possible tools to be successful in their mathematics journey. Summer math packets will be collected on the first day of school and students will earn a grade based on their work.

**Summer Typing Work**
As typing is an essential 21st century skill, we will continue with our summer typing program to ensure our students are prepared for computer use in and outside of school. According to research, students in the middle school years should be able to type 17-35 words per minute (depending on grade level). Therefore, we are asking students to work on their typing skills for 2-3 hours across this summer to increase their typing fluency. They will receive sites to play games and test their accuracy and skills through the SPSG new families resource page on the website.

In the spirit of SPSG’s Portrait of a Graduate, we hope that the coming months will provide opportunities for students to explore passions, unleash creativity, seek joy and balance, and take healthy risks, while nurturing a lifelong love of learning. We will look forward to welcoming our 5th and 6th grades for Warm Up Week as well as welcoming everyone back for Kenzie Day on September 1 where we will also hold grade level parent meetings to orient parents for the year ahead. Wishing you a happy and healthy summer vacation.

Sincerely,
Montanna Wilson
Middle School Head