

Dear Lower School Families,

Welcome to the Lower School's Summer Program! Our summer program is designed to provide families with flexibility, while also reinforcing literacy and math skills during the summer months. Of central importance over summer is your son's exposure to books, as they will broaden his background knowledge, vocabulary, and language development (whether the books are read to him or he reads them independently!). Strong language skills lead to strong reading comprehension skills, so our summer work is designed to promote just this, regardless of the level of engagement you choose. It is also important for your son to practice math skills over the summer months to prevent skill regression.

All students in rising Kindergarten through Fifth grades have required reading and math work to complete during the summer months. Additionally, students have the option of completing work to earn summer badges. Families should head to our [Summer Work page](#) on the Haverford website and **click on the grade level your son is entering in Fall 2024** to access summer work instructions specific to his grade level, reading lists, math work links, reading/math logs and the optional summer badge work descriptions.

To access the summer book sites through the Lower School Library (e.g., BookFlix, Tumblebooks, etc.) please click here: <https://haverford.libguides.com/tabas>.

Happy Summer!

Dr. Pam Greenblatt

**\*\*Important Note for Rising 5th Grade Families\*\***

All rising fifth grade students are required to read *The City of Ember* and complete the reading assignments as outlined in the [Fifth Grade Summer Reading document](#). This document outlines both the mandatory reading and writing work, as well as optional extension activities related to *The City of Ember*. **Students will be required to submit reading journals and any extension work to their ELA teacher the first week of school.**

All rising fifth grade students are also required to complete 50 minutes per week in the Khan Academy: Get Ready for 5th Grade unit. Students should complete the [Math Log](#) and submit it to their math teacher the first week of school.

Any fifth grade boy who is interested in participating in the **optional** Summer Badge program is encouraged to refer to the rising fifth grade tab on the [Summer Work webpage](#).