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Dear Parents/Guardians:

While there is no required summer work for 2024, we encourage you to explore this <u>list</u> with your child to help them stay sharp and engaged during the summer months.

Here are some ideas to help your child stay sharp during the summer months:

- 1. **Reading:** Encourage your child to read books of their choice. Visit the local library and let them explore different genres. Brielle Library has <u>Summer Reading Kickoff</u> for all ages to join. You can also have family reading time to make it a shared activity.
- 2. **Math Practice:** Use online resources like Khan Academy, IXL, or educational math games to keep their math skills fresh. You can also involve them in real-life math, like cooking (measuring ingredients) or shopping (budgeting and calculating discounts).
- 3. **Writing:** Encourage journaling or creative writing. They could write stories, poems, or keep a daily diary. This helps maintain their writing skills and stimulates creativity.
- 4. **Science Experiments:** Simple, fun science experiments can be done at home with common household items. Websites like Science Buddies or education.com have great ideas for experiments.
- 5. **Educational Apps and Games:** There are many educational apps that make learning fun. Look for ones that cover a range of subjects like BrainPOP, Duolingo, or ABCmouse.
- 6. **Field Trips:** Visit museums, zoos, botanical gardens, or historical sites. These trips can be both fun and educational, providing hands-on learning experiences.
- 7. **Puzzles and Brain Games:** Engage in activities like puzzles, Sudoku, chess, or board games that require critical thinking and strategy.
- 8. **Arts and Crafts:** Encourage creativity through drawing, painting, sculpting, or any other form of art. This can help develop fine motor skills and provide a creative outlet.
- 9. **Physical Activity:** Ensure they stay active with outdoor activities like hiking, biking, swimming, or playing sports. Physical activity is crucial for overall well-being.
- 10. **Learning a New Skill or Hobby:** Summer is a great time to start learning a new skill, like playing a musical instrument, coding, or gardening.

By incorporating some of these activities into your summer routine, you can help your child stay engaged and continue learning in a fun and relaxed manner.

Have a great summer!

Kind regards,

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