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Dear Cannon Lower School Families,

Another year has passed. As I've said to many of you, this has felt like a record fast year. I felt like I was just welcoming many of you at the Lower School Family Picnic and fast forward to us signing yearbooks and sending off our fourth graders to middle school! When people ask me my favorite thing about Cannon, my answer each and every time is the people. It is the community that is cultivated here on campus made of amazing folks who care for one another and make this such an amazing place. There are so many hugs, smiles, and even tears on the final days of school and I am so grateful to witness the joy of Cannon each year. So as you pull out the sunscreen and make sure there are no wasp nests in your patio umbrellas, I invite you to take a moment and reflect on your year at Cannon. What moment of gratitude stands out for you? Take some time to share that moment with whomever comes to mind. Gratitude unexpressed is not gratitude at all. I am certainly grateful for this village and that you choose to share your family with us every day.

As you transition into summer, please see the below Summer reminders.

A lot of helpful information can be found in our Back-to-School Center. If you have not done so, please bookmark this site as you will use it quite a bit. Here, you can review our LS Style Guide, summer reading, supply lists, and other helpful information. Please note: If you desire to participate in the pre-order process, you may order supplies to be delivered to your child's classroom. Click here for more information to **order by June 15, 2025.**

Summer Reading

We encourage all Lower School students to read at least 20-30 minutes a day during the summer. Of course, this is simply a baseline. Students are definitely welcome to go beyond and read as many hours as they would like. And YES, reading to our youngest learners counts. The sky's the limit! In addition to the suggested reading lists and required reading in third and fourth grade, below are helpful tools to keep those skills sharp:

Rising Kindergarten summer reading BINGO
Rising First and Second Grade Summer Reading BINGO
Rising Third and Fourth Grade Summer Reading BINGO

Khan Academy Kids App- for current students' use (Junior Kindergarten)
Raz- for current students' use until August 1 (grades Kindergarten and first grade)
IXL- for current students' use until July 15 (grades kindergarten through fourth grade)
Epic- for current students' use until June 30 (grades second through fourth)
Pebble Go- for student research (username: cannons1 and password: school)

Summer Workbook

To prevent that "summer slide," we highly encourage each student to complete the SummerBook (see link below) for the grade level that they will be entering in the fall. This SummerBook has daily exercises for students to work on both math and literacy skills. I highly suggest that students complete one page per day. Perhaps, establish a routine of completing their page first thing in the morning, before they move on to other activities. Establishing this routine makes it easy to manage and ensures that it will be completed before the beginning of the school year. Of course, there are students who have other approaches to completing the SummerBook, such as completing the book within the first couple of weeks. This may work for some, but not others. Use the strategy that makes the most sense for you and your family.

** Here is the link to purchase. While not required, it is highly recommended. There is not a book for rising Junior Kindergarten students. There is a book for rising fifth graders, however, please refer to the Middle School email forwarded to families regarding the summer activities they require.

Faculty Announcements *Updated*

We have some exciting additions and changes within our Lower School Family for the upcoming school year. Click here for more information.

Looking Ahead: Coordinated Dress and School Essentials

As your family begins planning for the 2025–2026 school year, we want to share a few helpful reminders about coordinated dress and school gear:

Coordinated Dress Sale (July 7–13) – Cannon partners with Lands' End School Uniform and School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger for easy online ordering. Both vendors carry Cannon-approved items and offer the option to add the Cannon logo to shirts, jumpers, and jackets at checkout.

A special Tommy Hilfiger sale will run from July 7–13 — click here to view the flyer.

Used Uniform Sale – Gently used uniform pieces will be available at our annual sale on August 13.

Report Cards
Report cards will be available for viewing Thursday, June 5, at 3:00 pm. Please see the access instructions below.

Finding the Portal on Cannon's Website
To access your Portal:

- Click on the "My Cannon" button found on the upper right-hand corner of every page of the Cannon website.
- Select the My Family Portal icon:



- Log into your Veracross parent portal
- Find the icon for your child and click Classes & Reports
- The link for the report card can be found at the top left of the screen, under the Reports header

Your children have worked hard all year and so have you! You all have earned a much-needed break. Enjoy your family time together. Family time is my favorite time. I cannot wait to hear about your adventures in the fall.

Be on the lookout for my next email, mid-July. I wish everyone a wonderful and rejuvenating summer!

All the best,

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