CORWIN INTERNATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL

May 2026

Dear 8th Grade Student & Family,

We are so excited to have you as a member of the CIMS family for the 26-27 school year. Together, we will work diligently to learn, grow, and find success.

Before next year begins, we'd like to provide balanced guidance on how students can remain active learners throughout the summer. Activities that you *should do* will directly link to your new classes in the fall. Not doing these activities may put you as a disadvantage or make you feel behind. Activities that you *might do* will keep you stretching as a thinker and as a learner, if you have time or interest in them.

To be successful in your new grade level, you *should* spend time on these activities:

- ➔ Read Sophia's War: A Tale of Revolution, by Avi and be ready to test on it at the beginning of the year.
    - Access this book at the Pueblo County Library or purchase your own copy if you would prefer to do so.
    - *There is a Corwin Cash Bonus in it for all students who pass the test!*
- ➔ Complete the attached practice units in Khan Academy. Read through the attached document carefully. Each practice session is VERY short. It is advised that students watch the accompanying videos.

To continue staying active and balanced throughout the summer, you *might* spend time on these activities.

- ➔ Use the choice board on the back of this page to keep learning.

Students who complete their Summer Work can earn a start of the year $25 Corwin Cash Bonus!

See you next year!

*If you would like to access any of this electronically, visit our website at www.pueblod60.org/corwin and click on "Students" and then "Summer Practice".

Optional Choice Board

Stay Balanced	Be an Inquirer	Be Knowledgeable	Be a Communicator
Get in at least thirty active minutes every day for one week.	Research flight then buy or build a model plane and fly it!	Have a brief conversation with someone in Spanish.	Write a letter to a government representative (state or federal) expressing concern about an issue important to you.
Go for a walk around the RiverWalk or your neighborhood, pick up trash	Watch a movie and read the book associated with it and write a reflection about the similarities and the differences.	Play Integer War! Hearts & Diamonds are negative, Spades and Clubs are positive. After all cards are played, each player adds up their stack! Greatest sum wins!	Choose a severe weather event (tornado, blizzard, flood, severe t-storm, hurricane, etc) and write a paragraph on how to stay safe in that event.
Watch at least 30 minutes of a live or recorded performance virtually of your favorite music group. Join Sun City Band or Summer Musical.	Plant a seed. Make predictions about what you'll see and track the plant's growth each week. At the end of the summer calculate the plant's average growth per day.	Tour an art, space, or history museum virtually.	Write to a friend, family member or community member and tell them why you're grateful for them.
Go on a nature walk, gather items and make a collage.	Research a new skill and learn how to do it.	Access Khan Academy and practice positive and negative integers.	Read a book or listen to a song in a different language and try to translate it to English.
Divide up household tasks and help get them done.	Ask family members to tell you five things that fill them with gratitude.	Find and follow a recipe to make a summer treat.	Write a journal about your experiences during a summer day.