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Summer Learning: Entering fifth grade

Math

Fourth grade teachers prepared this math packet for you to complete before school starts in September. You can download and print this out at home, or look for it in a mailing coming from the school. Mr. Griffin can also get you additional paper copies if you write him at ggriffin@gordonschool.org. Your new teacher next year will expect you to have this work complete by the first day of school, so please bring your completed work with you that day.

We recommend that you spend fifteen to twenty minutes three times a week working on the math packet. This way, you will keep these concepts and skills fresh in your mind, which should make the start of the year easier. Please refer to your math toolkit for support.

If you have trouble remembering how to do a particular kind of problem, just do the best you can and show your work. Your teacher will understand if you forget things or make mistakes, but do try each problem!

We hope this practice is helpful for you this summer. Please contact Mr. Kravitz at ekravitz@gordonschool.org if you have any questions

Reading for humanities and Spanish

The goal for Middle School students this summer is that they do plenty of reading, and that they enjoy what they read.

Here are the requirements for your summer reading:

Humanities
Fifth graders should choose one of the following books, or read as many as you like:

Wilderness Hacks by Joslin Brorsen
One Goal: How Soccer Can Help Save The Planet by Heather Camlot and Drew Shannon.
Bird Nerd by Jennifer Ann Richter
Northwind by Gary Paulsen
An Immense World, Young Readers Edition by Ed Yong
Where the Sky Lives by Margaret Dilloway

And two to five books total from the summer reading packet that will be mailed to you later in June, or from the above list.

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Spanish

Fifth grade students should read *Speak up, Santiago*, a graphic novel by Julio Anta and Gabi Mendez available at local bookstores and libraries.

In addition…

In addition to the required reading for humanities and Spanish, Middle School students should read two to five books of their choosing from the Middle School reading booklet or from other sources. This booklet is available here and will also be mailed to homes in July. Please choose books that you have not read before and perhaps venture into new areas of reading or genres. Note the reading log to record your reading; you can download a pdf here, or you can find it on the last page of the reading booklet mailed to you.