GORDON SCHOOL

Summer Learning: Entering seventh grade

Math

The fifth grade team has prepared a math packet for you to complete before school starts in September. You can print this out at home, or look for it in a mailing coming from the school in early July. 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 do a little of this work every few days over the summer, or maybe pick a day each week to work for an hour on it. This way, you will keep these concepts and skills fresher in your mind, which should make the start of the year easier.

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
Please read *Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You,* adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul. (Note there are several versions of this book, based on Ibram X Kendi's scholarship, including Stamped from the Beginning, by Kendi, and Jason Reynolds's adaptation, Stamped. Please ensure that you get the Cherry-Paul version.) Jacqueline Woodson calls this book "amazingly timely and stunningly accessible," and Renee Watson says it is "the history book [she] needed as a teen." It will introduce the history and legacies of racism and antiracism in the US and set us up for an important year of learning in seventh grade humanities.

GORDON SCHOOL

Spanish
Spanish students, please read Peter va a *Colombia* by Craig Klein

Spanish Language Arts Strand: please read *Mexikid* (Spanish edition) by Pedro Martin

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 being 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.