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Summer Learning: Entering sixth 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
A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser
A Duet for Home is told from the perspective of biracial sixth-graders June and Tyrell, who develop a friendship over a shared love of classical music while living in an unhoused shelter in NYC. While A Duet for Home does not center Spanish language or culture, it ties in thematically with both the Spanish and humanities curricula in sixth grade. Students will explore the question, “¿Qué hace un hogar?” or “What makes a home?” as a springboard for personal reflection and learn about factors that influence social vulnerability across the world and in the Americas.

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Spanish

Spanish students should read *Mexikid* by Pedro Martín (and perhaps they want to challenge themselves by trying *Mexikid* in Spanish!)

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.