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Dear Parents and Students,

Children learn best when instruction is continuous. A long summer vacation in which students do no schoolwork disrupts the rhythm of learning, leads to forgetting, and requires time to be spent reviewing old material when students return to school in the fall. Summer homework can help prevent this and also allows BCA to cover areas, in Math in particular, that we believe students are lacking.

Below is the summer work for Grades 6-12. Students should look for the classes they are taking and do that work for the summer. If you have any questions, please reach out to me by email.

Have a great summer!

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Math Summer Work

Rising 7th Graders: <https://www.khanacademy.org/join/3ZREMUXT>

Rising 8th Graders Going into Pre-Algebra: <https://www.khanacademy.org/join/PZRVNKNM>

Rising 8th Graders Going into Algebra 1: <https://www.khanacademy.org/join/Q4XZ7X5T>

Summer Reading Middle and High School

Rising Grade 6 Choices see separate sheet

Rising Grade 7 *Mara, Daughter of the Nile* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Rising Grade 8 **Choose one novel to read:**
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

English I

Choose one novel to read:

Watership Down by Richard Adams
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

English II

Choose one novel to read:

Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

English III

Choose one novel to read:

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

AP Language *AP Language Reading Packet*

AP Seminar

Choose one book to read:

Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis
The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Silence by Shusaku Endo
Heretics/Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton

Christian Faith in Conversation

The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

English IV

Choose one novel to read:

A Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

AP Literature **Choose one novel to read:**

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

AP US History *These Truths: A History of the United States* by Jill Lepore
(Parts 1 and 2 required; remainder of book optional)

Summer Math Assignment Details

How This Works

The summer math work will be completed through Khan Academy. When students join the class that has been set up for them, they will be able to see the assignments that have been assigned. **Only these assignments are required.** Each assignment is pulled from a larger course, so it will take the student to that unit when completing that assignment, allowing them to access other resources if they need them, but any additional lessons, videos, quizzes, or tests are not required. The link for the class has been included on the sheet for Summer Reading. **Students must use their BCA email to sign up for the course so we know who it is, otherwise they will be removed from the course and their work will not be counted.**

The assignments will be counted as homework grades for the first quarter of next year. Whatever grade they have on the assignment is the grade they will receive. They can, however, attempt each assignment any number of times, with each attempt containing randomly selected questions given in a random order. Only their highest grade will count. The expectation is that each student will try to achieve a 100 on each assignment, to indicate they have mastered that topic. **All assignments must be done without the aid of a calculator, technology, or another person.**

The Purpose and How to Get the Most Out of It

This summer work will help make sure each student has the fundamental skills they need to be successful next year. Someone who has mastered these skills should be able to complete the whole assignment fairly quickly, in about 30-90 minutes. Any student who has some weak areas will take longer. The videos and extra practice that Khan Academy offers can be especially helpful to these students, to help them fill in these gaps. Keep in mind that **these assignments are simply being given to ensure strong foundations, but they are not a comprehensive collection of every skill each student should have learned this year**, so any student who really wants to excel next year and reach their potential may want some extra practice.

Anyone can access all of the full courses on Khan Academy and find more practice on any other skills they struggle with. If you're not sure where to start, having your student try out the Unit Tests in the appropriate "Get Ready for ..." course or in the course they just took might be a good place to begin. Khan Academy will then tell you the skills they struggled with on the test, and you could look at those lessons/videos for help reviewing those skills.

As many of you already know, it is especially easy these days for kids to use websites or apps, such as Photo Math, to help them answer math problems. While these resources can be helpful when used correctly, students often use them to simply do the problems for them, rather than to help them figure out how to understand the concept. Since the students will not be monitored in school, **it is up to the parents to take whatever measures they need to take to ensure students are completing the work on their own**, without the aid of any calculator or any other piece of technology. This will help make sure that each student gets the most out of the experience and goes into next year well prepared.

Entering Grade 6 Summer Reading: All incoming 6th grade students must read at least TWO books on this list. Choose books you have not read before. Students are encouraged to choose more than two books. All students should bring a list of the books they read in to school on the first day.

<p>Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (or another Paulsen book) Amos Fortune, Freeman by Elizabeth Yates The Incredible Journey by Shelia Burnford Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (or another in the series) Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan Half Magic by Edward Eager The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen</p> <p>The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey... by Daniel James Brown The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</p>	<p>Pay Attention Carter Jones by Schmidt Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Grabenstein Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series by Rick Riordan Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPra The Wild Robot by Peter Brown The Inquisitor's Tale by Hatem Aly Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood 100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff Rain Reign by Ann Martin Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate Matilda by Roald Dahl Inkheart by Cornelia Funke The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien</p>
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The assignment is to choose **one** of the books and **create** a *Paper Bag Book Report*. You will bring this in on the first day of school. The paper bag must be decorated in the theme of the book and must include the title, author, and your name. Inside the bag, you must include seven objects that relate to the story. The objects can be real or you can make them yourself. The items should be varied in nature.

You also need to write a one-page summary of the book including descriptions of the main characters, the main plot, and a description of the theme of the book. Include a paragraph that tells whether you liked the book or not and why. Reports must be typed and double spaced.

MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE!

If you like to read and are up for a challenge, get ready! All students, who read **five or more additional** books from this list, will have a pizza party lunch. These five additional books are books that you have not previously read from this list or were pre-approved by your teacher. You and your parents must sign a book log. Bring your signed log to school on the first day.