

Elementary Summer Reading & Math

Plymouth Christian Academy

Recent findings based on three modern assessments with large national samples show that test scores flatten or drop on average during the summer, with larger drops typically in math than reading. In an effort to combat this “summer slide”, we have some expectations and rewards outlined below.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/is-summer-learning-loss-real-and-does-it-widen-test-score-gaps-by-family-income/>

Reading Expectations & Rewards:

- Students should be reading at least five days a week for 20-30 minutes
- Talk with your child about what he/she is reading. This helps them make meaning of what he/she is reading, aides in comprehension, and improves his/her interest in reading.
- Reading should be done by the student, however younger students can have books read to them.
- Students can earn a jeans day pass (maximum of 4) for reading a book and completing the attached report (please note the reports are different for different grades—K-1, 2, and 3-5 are each different).
- Book reports are to be submitted by the end of the first week of school.
- ***For 6th grade students, they will have a required reading of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* over the summer. You will receive a communication about this from the 6th grade Bridge teachers.***

Math Expectations & Rewards:

- Students should be engaged in some kind of Math related activity for 15 minutes or more 2-3 days a week.
- Some resources to consider:
 - Kahn Academy
 - Summer Bridge books
 - IXL
 - Summerskills.com
 - Evan-Moor “Daily Summer Activities” or “Skill Sharpeners”
 - Flash cards
 - Packets sent home by a classroom teacher
 - Teacher Pay Teacher Resources
- Students who engage in a math activity for 300 minutes or more will earn an extra recess and popsicle. See the attached log and submit by the end of the first week of school.

Please note that some teachers may send home Summer Review packets to provide additional support. The completion of these packets is not mandatory, but rather a helpful resource.