

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, fosters 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 corresponding report (please note the reports are different for grades K-1, 2, and 3-5).
- ***Book reports are to be submitted by the end of the first week of school.***
- For entering 6th grade students, they will be required to read The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe over the summer. Upon returning to school they will do some assignments as well as a writing piece surrounding the reading.

Math Expectations & Rewards:

- Students should be engaged in some kind of Math related activity for 15 minutes or more 2-3 days a week. We have provided packets for each grade level to ensure their readiness for the upcoming school year. ***Please select the packet for the grade level your child will be in for the upcoming school year.***
- Some additional resources to consider are:
 - Kahn Academy
 - Summer Bridge books
 - IXL
 - Summerskills.com
 - Evan-Moor “Daily Summer Activities” or “Skill Sharpeners”
 - Flash cards
 - Teacher Pay Teacher Resources
- Students who engage in a math activity for 300 minutes or more will earn an extra recess and a popsicle. ***See the attached log and submit by the end of the first week of school.***