

Post: Thanks for a Wonderful Year! (and some summer suggestions)

Hello White Tiger Families!

Thank you for investing your love, time, and support in helping to create such a positive 2016-2017 school year. We feel grateful for the opportunity to share this year with 3rd graders who we were able to see grow into kinder, more curious, and more confident versions of themselves. We also know that as families, you are the major engines behind so much of the growth that we get to see firsthand as teachers. Thank you.

Before we drift off into summer, we wanted to leave you with a few suggestions for helping students maintain and grow their skills during the summer months, as well as keep away the dreaded "summer slide." Summer slide is the tendency for students to lose achievement gains of the previous school year during the summer months when they are out of school.

Reading: READ, READ, READ, every day. Feel encouraged to sign up for the DCPL summer reading challenge. Register here: <https://www.dclibrary.org/summerreading> or at your local library. Also feel free to browse the lists attached below. They are DCPL reading lists, broken roughly into grade levels. The ones I've attached range from 2nd-4th grade.

Math: We sent home fact family cards that will be useful for students to improve upon their fluency with the multiplication (and even division!) facts that they will need routinely in 4th grade math. Practicing for even 5 minutes a day can make a big difference. Feel free to practice with your child or even encourage friendly sibling speed competitions. If cards get misplaced or damaged, feel free to visit this site for a new batch: https://www.superteacherworksheets.com/multiplication/fact-families-cards-multiplication_TZBBF.pdf?up=1466611200

Writing: Students can document excitement of summer travel, write a profile about a favorite book character, write an informational book about a new skill picked up during summer, or even pick a highlight of the summer and write a small moment story! We'd love to read up on your summer fun!

Finally, I've attached a couple photos from one of the major highlights from the end of the year: the play at the Folger. We hope you have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer! Here's to a fantastic one for you and your children!

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