Dear Rising Grade 2 Families,

Happy summer! Now that the 2022-23 school year has come to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate our students’ many successes. Through hard work and perseverance, each child has made progress in a range of academic disciplines. While summer offers students, teachers, (and parents!) a much-deserved break from the day-to-day demands and routines of the school day, it’s important to help your children maintain the academic skills they have worked so hard to achieve. Please set aside time during the busy summer months for your child to practice reading, writing, and mathematical skills. This Summer Packet provides suggestions and ideas that will help your child feel prepared for the coming fall.

**Reading**

- Summer reading recommendations for all grade levels can be found on the Library Community Group page in your MyGHS account; they are provided as a set of grade-specific links. Please be sure to check the list early, and feel free to revisit it over the course of the summer.

- First Grade students shared some of their favorite book titles from this year, and we have compiled these into one list, First Grade Recommends. Check out their suggestions if your child is looking for that next great read!

- A summer reading log is included in the summer packet. See how much reading time your child can get during the summer!

**Writing**

To keep summer writing fun and interesting, we’ve put together this Connect Four Summer Writing Fun, which is chock full of ideas. We’ve also included the following materials and templates to inspire our young writers:

- A blank writing journal to document summer adventures (much like our class Weekend News)
- Poetry Templates (Inside My Heart, Acrostic, Cinquain, Shape Poems)
- Fiction Story brainstorming page and story map
Math Fact Fluency

Your children’s understanding of math concepts and procedures has grown significantly this year. As they advance to more sophisticated topics in second grade and beyond, it will be important for all students to work on mastering basic addition and subtraction facts to 18 over the summer. Building automaticity with basic facts will free up the cognitive space needed for future topics. It is helpful to reinforce the relationship between addition and subtraction (i.e 4+7= 11; 11-7=4), also referred to as fact families. Here are suggestions for building math fluency/automaticity:

- We highly recommend a Home User license to Reflex Math, an adaptive and individualized system for mastering basic facts (reflexmath.com).

- Dreambox will be accessible throughout the summer months. The program can be entered through an iPad app you have downloaded or through the Dreambox Green Hedges website. (see below)

- Addition and Subtraction Games
  We’ve included several game templates to help your child practice basic addition and subtraction facts. Your child should be familiar with each of these games, as we’ve played them in class. You’ll need dice and/or markers.

- Three-Corner addition and subtraction flashcards (can be found on Amazon)

Websites and Apps

If you choose to have your child use technology over the summer, there are several technology sites and apps that we recommend:

- **Dreambox**
  - **Login:** School code for iPad app: kvnx/greenhs

- **Lexia**
  - Your child worked with Lexia throughout the year and can continue to access over the summer. Through a singular focus on literacy, Lexia helps learners read, write, and spell with confidence.
  - **Login:** First part of student’s email address (e.g., ameliebergwall for ameliebergwall@greenhedges.org)
  - **Password:** Dragons123

  Any issues with DreamBox or/and Lexia? help@greenhedges.org or 703.915.6862

*Please note that these sites calibrate the difficulty of problems based on the student’s performance and skills. It is important for your child to work independently on Lexia and DreamBox. If a parent or sibling assists with the problems, the individualized calibration will be skewed and problems may become too difficult for your child to do independently.
- **Mental Math Card and Games** is designed to help students of all ages and skill levels improve their arithmetic/fluency abilities through easy to remember (and use) tips, practice, and question sets.

- **Epic!** This site is filled with 40,000+ online story books, audio books, fairy tales and more. Students can freely explore their interests, with instant, anytime access to an online library over the summer.
  - **Login:** Tap “Student”/ Enter Class Code(mib2611)/Select your name

- **Count Money!** is a simple way for your child to practice counting mixed coins. Select difficulty level and number of problems on the “Settings” screen.

- **Book Creator** allows you to create your own stories or write something similar to a book report. Students can even take pics from their summer adventures and make a summer journal on Book Creator. Your child has used this app in Technology this year.

- **PBS Kids Scratch Jr.** Students can create their own interactive stories and games through programming activities and lessons. Learn the basics of coding through fun games and activities. Your child has used this app in Technology this year.

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**Have a fantastic summer!**

Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Lee!