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Hello Incarnation Families –

I hope that you have enjoyed the first days of summer vacation. The warmth and sunshine are welcome! My recent letters have focused on looking toward fall and the measures we will be taking to protect everyone's health. Another consideration is continued learning for the students over the summer. Incarnation School has offered summer learning opportunities for its students for many years, typically focusing on reading and math skills. The summer assignments reinforce the foundational skills developed and enhanced each year, while encouraging students to stay engaged and focused; continued learning also keeps children's academic skills polished.

We have changed the summer reading and math approach to create a review of mastered skills, which allows students to progress, and avoids the 'summer slide'. Each grade's teachers have provided the foundational skills that they expect when students enter their classrooms in August. The teachers have also given various resources that can be accessed for practicing these skills, which are found at the end of this letter.

We fully understand that some families greatly desire having these resources, while others want a break after the challenges faced this spring. Completion of this material is optional and at your convenience, as the teachers will not be collecting work in the fall. However, I strongly urge you to have your child spend a short amount of time each day on an activity which will stretch his/her mind. If the recommendations from the teachers do not spark interest, children can read a book, practice math facts, write a journal entry about their visit to the pool the day before, play an instrument, draw a picture, complete a puzzle, etc. Research shows that summer vacation breaks the rhythm of instruction, leads to forgetting, and requires review when students return to school in the fall. While I know how hard our students worked this spring, keeping their minds sharp for the fall is very important after time away from the school classroom.

Please use the link below to access the skills, activities, and practice recommended by the teachers for the grade your child will be entering. I pray that you all have a wonderful summer and find the time to relax and create new memories with your children. Time goes by so fast and should be cherished. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Blessings –

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Principal

[Click here for: Summer Reading and Math Activities for Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade students](#)

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