Dear Rising 7th Grade Parents,

As we begin summer and approach a new school year, we want to keep our students on a path of growth and success—even during the summer months! To help maintain their academic progress, we are asking all students to complete summer reading and some math practice.

Summer Reading

Students are expected to read at least two books of their choice over the summer. We encourage them to select something enjoyable and at or near their reading level. To support comprehension and engagement, students will complete an activity related to the books they read. Additional reading is always encouraged!

Summer Math Practice

To help students retain their math skills, we are asking students to complete a 4-week IXL Summer Review. These activities are designed to review key concepts and prepare students for the next grade level. Just a little practice each week can make a big difference in confidence and readiness.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning. If you have any questions or need suggestions for books or math resources, please feel free to reach out. We hope you and your family have a restful and fun summer!

Ms. O'Neil

Summer Reading Assignment

Students need to read 2 books of their choice (that they haven't previously read) that are at or above their grade level. Book grade levels can be checked using https://bookwizard.scholastic.com/.

For one book, they need to come to school prepared to give me a verbal summary of the book and to answer a couple of questions about the book.

For the other book they read, they need to create a book trailer (like a movie preview) to promote their book. Your goal is to capture interest, highlight key elements of the story, and persuade others to read it—without giving away the ending!

You may choose to:

- **Create a digital trailer** (video using apps like iMovie, Adobe Spark, Canva, or Google Slides).
- **Design a storyboard** (drawn or digitally designed frames with descriptions of each scene and dialogue or narration).

Your Trailer/Storyboard Must Include:

Title and Author
Main Characters (without giving spoilers)
Setting (time and place)
Conflict/Problem (without revealing the ending)
Theme or Mood (e.g., suspenseful, funny, adventurous)
Visual Elements (images, colors, music/sounds for digital; drawings, captions
for storyboard)
Persuasive Hook (end with a reason others should read the book)

Trailer Length:

- **Digital Trailer**: 1–2 minutes
- **Storyboard**: At least 6–8 detailed panels with written descriptions

Book Trailer/Storyboard Rubric

20 Points Total

Category	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Needs Improvement	1 - Incomplete
Content (5 pts)	Clearly presents title, author, main characters, setting, and conflict	Mostly complete; minor details missing	Key elements are missing or unclear	Missing most required elements
Creativity (5 pts)	Exceptionally engaging, original, and persuasive	Some creativity and effort shown	Lacks originality or effort	Minimal effort, not engaging
Visual Appeal (4 pts)	Highly effective visuals that match the tone and enhance the message	Generally effective visuals with some connection to the story	Some visuals present but limited effort or relevance	Poor or no visual representation
Organization & Flow (3 pts)	Trailer/storyboard is well-organized and flows logically	Mostly organized; minor transitions needed	Hard to follow or disorganized	Disconnected or confusing presentation
Mechanics (3 pts)	Few or no spelling/grammar errors	Some minor errors	Frequent errors that distract	Many errors, unclear writing

Summer Math

IXL is our online platform for personalized review and practice. We use this platform throughout the year and are expecting students to begin school having completed the 20 IXL skills to proficiency (a SmartScore of 80 or higher).

In order to access the IXL summer boost skills go to the IXL app or website (https://www.ixl.com/), login using your child's IXL login from 6th grade, and enter a 3-character skill code in the search box (see the following chart for skill codes). This is the fastest way to locate each skill on their 7th grade summer boost plan. The best part: your child will not need to turn anything in when we return to school; all scores will be saved in your child's account. If your child does not know their IXL login information from 6th grade, please contact the school office.

IXL Skills

Day	Skill	Skill Code	Completed
1	Write an equivalent ratio	NEA	
2	Solve one-step addition and subtraction equations with whole numbers.	JXM	
3	Compare and order rational numbers using number lines.	FMS	
4	Add and subtract decimal numbers	79J	
5	Absolute value and integers: word problems.	9CW	
6	Division with decimal divisors.	BFR	
7	Solve one-step addition and subtraction equations: word problems.	35Q	
8	Percents of numbers and money amounts.	8N4	
9	Write multiplication expressions using exponents.	TY5	
10	Ratios and rates: word problems.	ZB9	
11	Interpret charts and graphs to find mean, median, mode, and range.	2WK	

12	Find a value using two-variable equations: word problems	XRJ	
13	Evaluate numerical expressions involving fractions.	WNE	
14	Solve one-step multiplication and division equations with whole numbers.	JUA	
15	Multiply and divide decimals: word problems	GZN	
16	Divide fractions and mixed numbers	N2B	
17	Solve one-step multiplication and division equations: word problems	GMV	
18	Factor variable expressions using the distributive property.	PGZ	
19	Volume of cubes and rectangular prisms.	XHF	
20	One-step inequalities: word problems	N2A	

Recommended Reading

*Please note that our recommended reading list is simply a recommendation. While we have not read every book on the recommended reading list, we have made every effort to research and read reviews of the books listed. We encourage parents to exercise discretion. We also encourage students to read books that they find interesting, even if it is below their reading level or not on the list.

Author	Title
Adams, Richard	Watership Down
Alcott, Louisa	Little Women
Austen, Jane	Emma
Austenn, Jane	Pride and Prejudice
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Lost Prince
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Butler, Beverly	Light a Single Candle
Cisneros, Sandra	The House on Mango Street
Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts
Christie, Agatha	And Then There Were None
Christie, Agatha	Murder on the Orient Express
Crane, Stephen	The Red Badge of Courage
Creech, Sharon	The Wanderer
Cushman, Karen	The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
Dana, Richard	Two Years Before the Mast
Dann, Colin	The Animals of Farthing Wood
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
Doyle, Arthur Conan	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Draper, Sharon M.	Out of My Mind
Field, Rachel	Hitty: Her First Hundred Year
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain
Forester, C. S.	Horatio Hornblower (series)
Frank, Anne	Diary of a Young Girl
Frtiz, Jean	Traitor, the Case of Benedict Arnold
Funke, Corneila	Inkheart
Gibson, William	The Miracle Worker
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Green, Bette	Summer of My German Soldier

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Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped
Tolkien, J.R.R.	Lord of the Rings Trilogy
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Twain, Mark	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days
Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Voight, Cynthia	Homecoming
Washington, Booker T.	Up from Slavery
Whelan, Gloria	Miranda's Last Stand
White, T.H.	The Sword in the Stone
Wyss, Johann	Swiss Family Robinson
Yep, Laurence	Dragonwings