



June 7, 2019

Dear Parents,

Summertime is a fun and exciting break for students filled with outdoor activities and sports. Reading and engaging with mathematics during the summer, whether at home, camp, or on vacation, can help increase your child's level next school year and prevent summer regression; research has also shown that reading and math loss is cumulative over time.

Summer work is accessible by following this link:

www.gesher-jds.org/summerwork

Click the grade level that your child will be ENTERING for the 2019-2020 school year to access summer work.

Summer Reading:

All students in grades **4-8** will have required reading over the summer. They must choose two books from the reading lists posted on their grade level page.

All **Elementary School** students have been provided with summer book recommendations and are encouraged to read as many books as possible.

This year we added a Summer Reading Bucket List contest **for all grades**. Any child that returns this in the fall will be able to participate in earning prizes. Don't let your child miss out!

Summer Math

There are **required math packets for all Middle School 7th and 8th graders uploaded to the correlating grade pages**.

Students in grades **3-6** are asked to practice math using a math application/website called IXL.

Please look for an email from Mrs Brody Huynh with your child's log in and further instructions.

Students in grades **1 and 2** are asked to practice math using Zearn.com **Please look for an email from Mrs. Brody Huynh with your child's login and further instructions.**

Additional math practice games for JK-8 are available on www.gesher-jds.org/summerwork (optional)

Typing Practice

Students in grades **3-8** have had typing accounts set up for them on typing.com Typing practice is **optional** but **highly recommended**.

Please look for an email from Mrs. Brody Huynh with your child's login and further instructions.

Hebrew:

Hebrew work is optional. Follow the links on the Hebrew practice page for online review activities.

Additional Middle School Work (Required):

Jewish History work from Mrs. Nachbar for rising 8th graders.

- Fill out Family History form (Optional but highly recommended)
- Watch "Fiddler on the Roof"
- Read either *The Chosen* or the *6 Day Hero*

Parents: What Can You Do?

- Encourage your child to read at least 20-30 minutes every day
- Motivate them to read anything that interests them and take your child to the public library to check out books
- Read at least 20-30 minutes a day to your child and discuss the stories you read
- Play games with your child and engage in learning in any fun ways that you can

Happy Summer!



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