

Summer Reading Entering 6th Grade

St. Thomas's Day School



We think we can, so we can.

Dear 6th Grade Parents,
I am so excited that we will continue learning and growing together for another year! This summer, whether you are traveling or creating your own adventures at home, try to find opportunities for your children to practice the skills they developed this year. I look forward to hearing all about your summer days when we see each other again in September!
Mrs. Vasseur

At St. Thomas's Day School, we seek to make children life-long readers by nurturing an early interest in books and by encouraging recreational reading. We strive to instill confidence so that the children become independent readers who love literature. This includes building good habits and teaching the children the importance of reading every single day.

Summer Reading Goals

- Promote life-long reading habits
- Foster reading as a shared experience that includes reading aloud to and with your child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful discussions about books
- Discover different viewpoints and literary genres
- Build vocabulary, enhance fluency, and deepen understanding

Reading Matters!

- Children who read often, read better.
- Reading exercises our brains and improves concentration.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them.
- Reading improves vocabulary and develops a child's imagination.
- Reading helps kids develop empathy.
- Children who engage in the reading process perform better academically.
- Reading is entertaining and stretches the mind.

Recommendations

- Read a series your child reads. Have a discussion to compare and contrast the books.
- Help your child find books on a skill he/she would like to learn.
- Go to a book signing with your child.
- Read an article on a topic of interest with your child.
- Create a book challenge for your child.
- Leave a poem a day on your child's pillow.
- Have your child sign a digital book out of the library.
- Listen to an audio book.
- www.audiobooks.com

Be Sure to READ! READ! READ!

Summer Math Entering 6th Grade

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Summers are wonderful. Never forget your summers. Stuart Little

St. Thomas's Day School believes that summer is a wonderful time for children to engage in fun-filled math activities and real-world math experiences. Math is inherent in almost all summer experiences—trips, ball games, sports, board games, trading cards, puzzles, camps and cooking. It is everywhere! The enclosed list includes family-oriented activities that aim to maintain math facility in a fun and interesting way while reinforcing the intrinsic value that your family places upon mathematical development. The activities are recommended, but not required. The goal is for you to have fun with your child.

Summer Math Goals

- Develop an understanding about how math pertains to the real world
- Promote life-long learning habits
- Foster math as a shared experience between parent and child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful conversations about math
- Prepare children for the future
- Promote critical thinking and problem solving abilities
- Have fun

Math Matters!

- Children who practice math frequently, understand the world around them better.
- Math is a language that describes the ideas that make up our world.
- Math activities can promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Math is the foundation for many sciences and for music.
- Math is interesting and can stimulate your mind.
- Mathematics is woven throughout almost everything we do.
- The process of learning math boosts your brain power.

Recommendations

- Ask your child to triple a recipe for you.
- Ask your child to create word problems using a catalog.
- Have your child calculate how long it will take to travel to a location if you drive 55mph.
- Allow your child to plan out the menu for a meal, figuring out which items are needed and how much of each item is required.
- Do a science experiment with your child.
- Design and build a toy car with your child using items from around the house.
- Ask your child to calculate how much money is required to pay the cable bill for a year.

MATHEMATICS Is Fun!