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RE: Math Requirements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the eighth grade! We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. Before we start our routine for the 2020-2021 school year, it is important that we encourage continued learning and practice throughout the summer. According to NWEA, students across third through eighth grade can see a summer learning loss between 20 to 50 percent in math and reading. We can prevent this with continued practice in both subjects!

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, students should be spending at least one hour on DreamBox per week (20 minutes per day) practicing concepts and skills necessary to know for next year. We will be monitoring their progress and time throughout the summer.

Dreambox Link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/uhsp/rp8x>

Additional websites for practice:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

<https://www.aaamath.com/>

Have a great summer!

Ms. Scocozzo

Math Teacher



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RE: Reading and Writing Requirements

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Eighth Grade. Summer is a great time for your child to practice what he/she has learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading for enjoyment. Writing is also important, and it is more important than ever than our children learn to express themselves clearly and logically in as many ways as possible.

This year I am giving my students two summer projects to help them review reading and writing skills. Summer reading is meant to be enjoyable and we do not want students to have to struggle; we want reading to be fun and relaxing. I am requiring one book for your child to read this summer. That book is *Fever* by Laurie Halse Andersen. This is a book I think they will enjoy a great deal. The subject matter they learned in the first part of the last academic year will give them a strong background to understand and appreciate this rich book.

There will be a short writing assignment about the *Fever* once school starts in September.

Your child's summer writing project should be an essay that responds to the following prompt:

The biggest problem facing our world today is _____, and these are the three things I would do to change it.

Whichever issue they choose, they should write a five paragraph essay as their full answer to it. Their initial paragraph should state the issue and the three things they would do to address it, and each thing should be developed in a separate body paragraph. Finally, they should write a concluding paragraph that sums up their argument. This is due on the first day of school.

In addition to these assignments, we will be using our online content providers for summer work this year. **Students should do at least 1 hour a week (20 minutes a day) on their reading content providers (Razkids, Lexia, or Achieve 3000).** We will be monitoring their progress and time on each throughout the summer.

Please feel free to reach out if you have questions.

All my best to you and yours.

Mr. Cline