

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

The following is an overview of your child's required math and reading assignments for the summer months. Please note that these assignments differ from our usual summer assignment format.

SUMMER MATH ASSIGNMENTS

Students entering grade 8 will receive a *Strategies and Practice for the HSPT* book in their bag on June 8th. This book is to prepare students for their high school placement test in the fall, so summer preparation will be time well spent. It contains two practice tests and several content review sections. Students should work through review sections at their own pace and then take the first HSPT Practice Test that begins on page 308. Students should answer those questions by marking their answers on the Google forms that pertain to each section, which are found below:

- HSPT Practice Test #1: Verbal Skills
- HSPT Practice Test #1: Quantitative Skills
- HSPT Practice Test #1: Reading
- HSPT Practice Test #1: Math Skills
- HSPT Practice Test #1: Language

These forms need to be completed before August 10th. Once the forms are submitted, the students will be able to review incorrect answers and then go back and re-read the section that corresponds with that question. After the review is finished, students should take the second practice test, found on page 375. This second practice test does not need to be turned in but should be used for practice and review. The HSPT book does not need to be turned in upon our return to school, as students can use it to study up until they take the test. Completion of HSPT Practice test #1 that begins on page 309 and that will be completed on the linked Google forms is required and will be assessed as a first quarter grade in both mathematics and language arts.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Every student entering grade 8 is expected to complete a summer reading assignment. Students must read two books: 1 fiction and 1 non-fiction. Students may choose the books that he or she reads. Upon completion of each book, students in grade 8 are required to complete one fiction and one non-fiction book report form, also found on our website. These completed forms must be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 4th. Book reports will count toward the first quarter reading grade, with students being graded using the rubric found with the summer reading assignments on our website.

We are confident that the summer math and reading assignments will help our students to keep their skills fresh, while also allowing for plenty of time to relax and refresh.

We wish you and your family a wonderful summer!