



Dear Academy Parents,

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child's summer activities. While the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning when returning to school. This learning lag is often referred to as the "Summer Slide." The summer slide can result in students losing two to three months of academic proficiency. As explained to your children last week, we are sharing with you the ensuing information.

Incoming First Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read **two** books (with or without help) from the SSYRA list and take Accelerated Reading tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can talk about their books.

Suggested Reading List:

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f9RuBMI7zsC-Gko1UyCo1C03Dz1WTbTI/view?usp=sharing_eil_se_dm&ts=6488906c (Junior List)
2. Students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in 15-30 minutes each day.** Students who turn in completed assignments will receive a reward.

Incoming Second Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
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 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U3dBKgLIf70lthKdfG5a2XfJCduzD9DM/view?usp=sharing>
2. Students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in 15-30 minutes each day.** Students who turn in completed assignments will receive a reward.

Incoming Third Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read **two** books (with or without help) from the SSYRA list and take Accelerated Reading tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can talk about their books.

Suggested Reading List:

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 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U3dBKgLif70lthKdfG5a2XfJCDUzD9DM/view?usp=sharing>
2. Students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in 15-30 minutes each day.** Students who turn in completed assignments will receive a reward.

Incoming Fourth Grade Students:

1. Our **FUN Summer Reading:**

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read a minimum of **two** books from the SSYRA list, or choose their own books, and take **Accelerated Reading** tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can all talk about their books.
- Students will complete a book presentation based on one of their summer reads; the assignment will be explained the first week of school. Students will have time to prepare. Presentations will be graded.

Suggested Reading List:

SSYRA List for Grades 3-5

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SSYRA List for G6-8

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TtwhnRqPzMXPdvkJhFnxt-rcbhiz2Wj/view?usp=sharing>

2. Students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in about 30 minutes each day.** The completed workbook will be worth **two test grades.**

Incoming Fifth Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read a minimum of **two** books from the SSYRA list and take Accelerated Reading tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can all talk about their books.
- Students will complete a book presentation based on one of their summer reads, and the assignment will be explained the first week of school. Students will have time to prepare. Book presentation will be graded using a rubric.

Suggested Reading List:

- SSYRA List for Grades 3-5

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- SSYRA List for G6-8

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TtwhnRqPzMXPdvkJhFnxt-rcbhiz2Wj/view?usp=sharing>

2. In addition, students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in 15-30 minutes each day.** Students will receive a grade for completion of their work.

Incoming Sixth Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read a minimum of **two** books from the SSYRA list and take Accelerated Reading tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can all talk about their books.
- Students will complete a book presentation based on one of their summer reads, and the assignment will be explained the first week of school. Students will have time to prepare. Book presentation will be graded using a rubric.

Suggested Reading List:

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 - SSYRA List for G6-8
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TtwhnRqPzMXPdvkJhFnxjt-rcbhiz2Wj/view?usp=sharing>
2. In addition, students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in 15-30 minutes each day.** Students will receive a grade for completion of their work.

Incoming Seventh and Eighth Grade Students:

1. Our FUN Summer Reading:

- During Library lessons, students have learned about Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and made their own list of the most interesting books they would like to read this summer.
- Students are expected to read a minimum of **two** books from the SSYRA list, or choose their own books, and take **Accelerated Reading** tests on those books the first week of school.
- Students need to bring the books they read over the summer to school the first week of school, so we can all talk about their books.
- Students will complete a book presentation based on one of their summer reads; the assignment will be explained the first week of school. Students will have time to prepare. Presentations will be graded.

Suggested Reading List:

SSYRA List for G6-8

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TtwhnRgPzMXPdvkJhFnxjt-rcbhiz2Wj/view?usp=sharing>

2. Students are expected to complete the Summer Skills Workbooks for Language Arts *and* Math, which cover the necessary skills to keep young minds engaged. **They are designed to be completed in about 30 minutes each day.** The completed workbook will be worth **two test grades.**

Please order the workbook corresponding to the grade your child just completed, NOT THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL. They can be purchased at <http://www.summerskills.com/>. This series has been featured in the Washington Post and has been well reviewed by parents and educators across the country. Based on national standards, these workbooks will help reinforce concepts learned this year, identify areas needing additional review, boost your child's confidence, and prepare him/her for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your dedication and support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

