



Spring 2017

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! To help your child maintain what they have worked so hard to learn this past year, we have included a list of available math and literacy resources for you. **If you would like more specific guidance on your child's needs or would like additional recommendations, your child's teacher is always your best resource.**

For **MATH**, some skill-based websites that we would like to recommend include:

- DreamBox (fee-based) <http://www.dreambox.com/>
- IXL Math (fee-based) <https://www.ixl.com/math/>
- Khan Academy (free) <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/k-8-grades>
- Xtramath (free) <https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>
- TenMarks (free) www.tenmarks.com/signup

For independent-parent use over the summer months, parents and tutors can create a Teacher account. "Other" or "Homeschool" should be selected for the school after noting the Zip Code.

****The following LILA link offers **songs in Mandarin** and **audio recordings to accompany various leveled word lists in Spanish.** <https://sites.google.com/a/lakesinternational.org/tech/audio>

For **SPANISH**, we also recommend:

- http://www.lavacaconnie.com/connie_cast/home.htm Games, stories, and activities
- <http://childtopia.com/> Games, activities, digital books
- <http://pacomova.eresmas.net/paginas/videocuentos/videocuentos.htm> Audiobooks
- <http://pbskids.org/island/> Bilingual educational games (free)

For **CHINESE**, we recommend:

- <http://online.betterimmersion.com/BleBook/> K-2 only: Student username and password required.
- <http://www.chineasy.com/>: Pictorial character recognition flashcards for purchase
- <https://www.betterchinese.com/collections/storybooks-beginner-to-intermediate>: Books, flashcards, DVDs, etc. that support the Better Immersion Chinese curriculum for purchase
- Apps:
 - *Learn Chinese characters 学前识字* by Three QQQ (free)
 - *Pleco Chinese Dictionary* by Pleco Inc. (free)
 - *ChineseSkill - Learn Mandarin Chinese Language* by Chineseskill Co., Ltd. (fee-based)
 - *Learn Chinese (Mandarin)* by MindSnacks (fee-based)

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For **ENGLISH**, we recommend:

- <http://www.starfall.com/> Foundational/basic reading activities.
- <https://www.getepic.com/> Digital books in **English, Spanish, and Mandarin** (fee-based)
- <http://www.adaptedmind.com/reading.php> Stories with comprehension questions (free trial; fee-based)
- http://www.internet4classrooms.com/grade_level_help.htm Comprehensive reading skill practice K-8 (free)
- <https://www.ixl.com/ela/> (fee-based)

Summer is also a great time to enjoy good books with your child in English.

Check out the International Reading Association's *Children's and Youth Choices 2017 Reading List*:

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/choices-2017-reading-lists.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

There are many online activities to choose from as well.

Local libraries and bookstores also have reading programs that encourage reading. Students can earn books or prizes by filling out reading logs. Included are materials for:

- Washington County Library's BOOKAWOCKY summer reading program.
- Half-Price Books summer reading program (<http://b.hpb.com/fyb/>). *Includes book recommendations.*
- Barnes and Noble summer reading program (http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9). *Includes book recommendations.*

Most of all, enjoy the time with your children! Happy summer!