

To: Murray Avenue Families
From: Jennifer Dilks, Principal
Re: End of Year & Summer Information
Date: June 2019

It is hard to believe that we are already at the close of this school year. Listed below is information that you will need as we move into the summer and prepare for the next school year. You will receive updates throughout the summer as well via Connect Ed and the Virtual Backpack.

New Student Open House:

During the summer, we are providing an opportunity for new students and incoming sixth grade students to come into Murray Avenue before the first day of school. On **Thursday, August 22, 2019, from 6:30-8:30pm**, the school will be open for self-guided tours. Principals and counselors will be available to answer questions, and students who want to practice opening a locker will be able to do so. There will be a presentation for parents of new students and/or incoming sixth grade students at **6:30pm** on this day. This is a repeat of the Grade 5 Parent Informational Meeting held on May 30th at Murray Avenue.

Back to School Night for MA will be the second day of school, **Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 7:00 to 9:00pm**. Please mark your calendars for this important night.

MA Summer Resources for Students

Summer Reading Lists:

Summer is an excellent time to read for pleasure, and we encourage every student to use this time to choose books that suit their unique interests. The Murray Avenue Library website has a section labeled "Summer Reading" that contains links to suggested reading including the 2020 Reading Olympics list and this year's PA Young Reader's Choice selections. Here you will also find booklists organized by grade level that have been chosen for their literary quality and age appropriateness. Students are encouraged to participate in your local public library's summer reading programs and to take advantage of their free book check out. Huntingdon Valley Library's program begins **June 24th**, and **Abington's begins June 17th**. Visit those library's websites for more information and to register.

Skill Review Lessons:

Every year we are asked for suggestions for resources for our students to review academic skills over the summer, particularly in the areas of Math and Language Arts. We are providing the following information for interested families. There is a series of skill review books that are aligned to the PA Core Standards. These review books contain 30 lessons of mixed skills practice to be used three times a week for ten weeks. Lessons are designed to be approximately 20 minutes each. Each book contains help pages, solution pages, an answer key, and all the tools needed to complete the lessons. Families can purchase these optional materials directly from the publisher at www.summerskills.com. Students should complete the review book for the grade that they have just completed. If your child is receiving specially-designed instruction through a learning support program, contact your child's case manager for recommendations.

iReady Program: If your child is enrolled in the iReady program for reading and/or math, he or she will continue to have access to this program over the summer. Students' login username is their four digit lunch number; their password is the lm5d password. We encourage students to continue working in the program. When students are logged in, parents can view their progress in the program by selecting the "My Progress" icon. This will show "Time on Task this Week" and "Lessons completed."

Have a safe and happy summer!