Summer 2018

Welcome to Ist Form!

You may be wondering if there is anything you can do over the summer to be ready to begin your exciting year as a Ist Former. Here are a number of suggestions:

1. Complete the required ***Summer Math Skills Sharpener 2nd Grade Review*** math workbook and bring it with you on the first day of school. Your parents are asked to check over your work as you complete it.

2. Make sure your addition and subtraction facts are memorized and your recall is fast! Learning your multiplication tables is important because you will use them throughout the year in math class. The xtra math website is excellent for memorizing facts and speeding up your recall: Xtra Math: x+- Facts Practice

3. If you have time, use the **Khan Mappers** program I have set up for you throughout the summer. You will use your Rumsey Google account to sign in - Ex: 25smith@rumseyhall.org and the password is rumsey123. Type in mappers in the search box on the top left of the page and click enter. The image below will appear:

MAP Recommended Practice | Khan Academy

Use NWEA MAP Test scores to generate personalized study recommendations.
Click on Map Recommended Practice and it will take your child to their individual math program!
Khan Academy

3. Read a bit each day, listen to an audiobook and follow along, and/or read with a parent or friend. Please keep track of what you read on our Lower School Summer Reading Log and bring it with you on the first day of school. ReadWorks is also an amazing free site that builds your reading comprehension using high interest informational text.

4. Practice your grammar skills on Khan Academy: Khan Academy | Free Online Courses, Lessons & Practice

5. Write a postcard to Mrs. Dilorenzo this summer about your favorite book! She will be making a display of all the postcards for you to view in the fall. You can also send me a postcard from someplace cool over the summer! I'd love to get to know you a little better throughout the summer!

- Address: Mrs. DiLorenzo or Mrs. Saxe, 201 Romford Rd., Washington Depot, CT 06794
- Or you can email me: kmartinelli@rumseyhall.org

Supplies for next year include:

- 2 folders
- 2 composition notebooks
- Books ordered through Follett Books (information will be posted on our website and an email will go home from the office explaining how to do this)

Have a wonderful, fun, and exciting summer! I look forward to seeing you all in September.

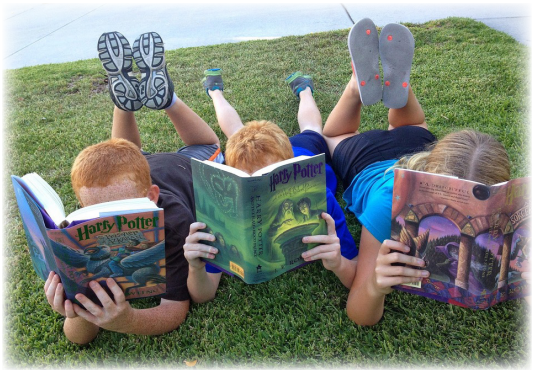
Mrs. Saxe ☺

RUMSEY HALL SCHOOL

SUMMER READING LOG

	Title of Book	Author

Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____



Rumsey Hall School

Summer 2018 Reading & Math

Lower School

We feel it is important that students continue to read and work on their math skills over the summer months. Throughout the summer, students should achieve the following goals:

Complete their *Summer Math Skills Sharpener* book and bring the completed book back on the first day of school.

- This program is meant to be used 3 - 4 times per week for 10 weeks so that students are exposed to important concepts all summer. Each day's work should take about 20-30 minutes to complete.
- Parent Note: Each book includes tutorial help pages for students and parents to review. Please be sure to look over the "Instructions for Parents" page and don't forget to check their work as you go (you might also want to pull the answer pages out of your child's book for your reference).

Visit your local libraries, raid your family book shelves, and head to your local bookstores to create your own mountain of books for the summer.

- Read your grade level in chapter books (Primes-2 books, Ist Form-3 books, etc.)
- Read at least one "Award Winning" book (any year, any award) and come back ready to talk about the book and give us a little background about the award.
- Another aspect you might want to embrace is our "One School-One Theme" summer reading initiative in which all the students will take part. During the Summer Reading Celebration, teachers will read aloud a refugee-themed picture book for discussion, and the topic will be explored during the first weeks of school in each classroom. Links for suggested refugee-themed books are below.
- Keep track of your summer reading on our Summer Reading Log and bring it on the first day of school. A mixture of read aloud, independent reading books, and audiobooks can be recorded on the Summer Reading Log.
- Be prepared to share/talk about some of your summer reading during our Summer Reading Celebration.
- Optional Activity: Send Mrs. DiLorenzo a postcard about a book you are reading over summer break. Mrs. D. will create a display in the library of all the postcards she is sent by students and teachers throughout the summer.

Whatever books the students choose to read, we will once again celebrate our summer reading in classrooms through a variety of fun activities when we return from our summer break. We hope you all enjoy a summer filled with exciting times, both inside and outside the pages of books.

Refugee Book Suggestion Links

Publishers Weekly
Read Brightly
Institute for Humane Education

Award Winning Book Links

Nutmeg Book Award
National Book Award
Newbery Award
Caldecott Award
Children's' Choice Award
Laura Ingalls Wilder Award
Hans Christian Andersen Award
Michael L. Printz Award
Golden Kite Award
Coretta Scott King Award
Theodor Seuss Geisel Award
Pura Belpre Award
Mildred L. Batchelder Award
Schneider Family Award
Charlotte Zolotow Award
Bank Street College Irma Black Award