

Dear Families of Rising Grade 5 Students,

For those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Dan Hyatt. I will be the new math teacher for Grades 5 and 6 in the fall. I have worked with both Jason Bowers and Nora Krulwich on developing summer work packets.

Studies on summer learning loss indicate that children, on average, forget 10-30% of what they learned during the year each summer. In order to minimize the amount your child forgets throughout the summer, I have assembled a summer homework packet. By working through this packet, your students will review skills essential to their success in the fall as well as develop their problem-solving skills.

Students are required to complete 1 sheet (front and back) per week and are asked not to move ahead at a faster pace. The reason we move at this set pace is so that students are consistently revisiting essential topics on a weekly basis, and thereby reinforcing those skills through consistent practice. Completing all of the sheets in the beginning of the summer or waiting until the end of the summer to begin will defeat the purpose of this assignment.

I am asking for your help encouraging your child to spread out the work throughout the summer. I have attached an answer key for you in this packet as well as a copy of the packet given to your child. Please only share each set of answers with your child after they have completed a particular sheet (do not give them the entire answer key packet at the beginning of the summer). Since the answer key does not include explanations/solution methods, please reinforce the idea of your child returning to school in the fall with questions about the problems they still don't understand.

Sincerely,

Dan Hyatt