

Sample Letter From Your School

Dear Parents,

In today's packet, we have included the Summer Striver Bookmark. The Summer Striver Bookmark is an optional program but we hope all of our students participate during the upcoming summer vacation. The goal of the program is to have students spend at least 15 minutes each weekday in the summer participating in a learning activity. Although 15 minutes is a short amount of time, it can make a substantial difference in your child's education.

Here are some of the facts associated with what is known as Summer Learning Loss or Summer Learning Slide during each and every summer vacation:

- Research findings report about 2 months of learning loss per student during the summer, the highest losses occurring in math and spelling.
- By the 9th grade, summer learning loss could be blamed for roughly two-thirds of the achievement gap.
- Summer learning loss is cumulative-students do not usually catch up by the fall. By the end of 6th grade, those who lose reading skills during the summer are, on average, 2 years behind their peers.
- 9 of 10 parents agree that if they knew their children were going to experience summer learning loss they would try to prevent it.
- 92% of teachers and 84% of parents agree that if children maintain some form of learning during the summer they will be more successful in the long run.

If you decide to opt into this program, below is some of the activities our school would like to recommend that your child do **during each weekday** (during the summer) that will help him or her reduce or eliminate Summer Learning Loss. We also hope you will record it on the enclosed bookmark and have your child bring it back to school in the fall. We hope to have a small reward for those who do, and we know they will be also be rewarded by increasing their love of learning and achievement for years to come. Activities also come with a code for the Striver Bookmark. Directions for the program and additional activities can be found at Edugeeks.com along with an email address for downloading another bookmark if yours gets lost.

- *WB=Do a page in a workbook
- *RB=Read a book
- *RA=Read an article
- *EG=Play an educational game
- *WJ=Write and keep a journal
- *WS=Write a story

Please email summer@edugeeks.com if you have any questions about this program.

Sincerely,

Staff Member Name and Title