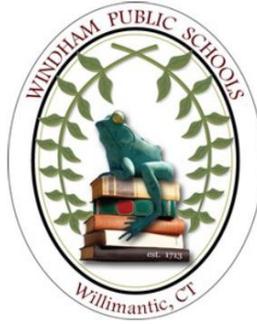


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Dear Parents and Guardians,

June 5, 2018

The Windham Public Schools recognizes a significant body of academic research that suggests academic skills are lost during summer vacation. The brain, like any other muscle in our bodies, becomes weaker without the daily practice it receives during the school year. The term often used to describe this phenomenon is the “summer slide.” Since our district strives to ensure our vision of “every student, every day, in every classroom will be deeply engaged in their own learning, challenged by high expectations, supported by staff, family, and community, and will graduate with the competence and confidence needed for success,” it is necessary for our students to continue practicing academic skills during the summer. In addition to the academic benefits gained by summer practice, students entering grades K-12 who complete both their reading and math practice assignments and hand them in by their due date will be invited to attend a September Summer Learning Celebration. The grade level and school with the highest completion rates will also be recognized. Below please find a list of summer requirements throughout our school district:

Schools/Grade Levels	Literacy	Numeracy
Summer Express Hop Into 2018-2019		
Incoming K-5 (Sweeney, North Windham, Windham Center, & Natchaug)	Complete All Pages of the Summer Express Workbook (which covers both literacy and numeracy skills)	
	Governors Reading Challenge	
Incoming K-5 (C. H. Barrows STEM Academy)	Complete All Pages of the Summer Express Workbook (which covers both literacy and numeracy skills)	
	Barrows Summer Reading	
Frog Bridge Cafe Choice, Acceleration, Fun & Engagement		
Incoming Grades 6-8 (Windham Middle School)	WMS Summer Reading Challenge	Windham Public Schools Summer Learning Gr. 6-8 Math Menu & Supporting Grade Level Tasks
Incoming Grades 6-8 (C. H. Barrows STEM Academy)	Barrows Summer Reading Project, Gr. 6	
	Barrows Summer Reading Project Gr. 7 Barrows Summer Reading Project Gr. 8	

Incoming Grades 9-12 (Windham High School)	Windham High School Summer Reading, 2018	Windham Public Schools Summer Learning Gr. 9-12 Math Menu & Supporting Grade Level Tasks
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Your child should come home with their Summer Learning assignments before the end of this school year. Additional copies of these assignments are available on our district website at windhamps.org, under “Latest News” and by clicking on the grade that your child will start next school year.

I thank you in advance for supporting your child’s summer learning. If you have any questions related to this important work, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school.

Sincerely,



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