



Dear John Dewey Parent and Guardians,

As everyone is preparing for summer break, many families are thinking about vacation, going to the pool, keeping children busy with activities, not having to rush everyone out of the house in the mornings or not completing homework! While busy making plans for the summer, often the facts about the "summer slide" don't come to mind. The "summer slide" describes what happens when minds sit idle for three months. Children lose educational ground during the almost three-month break from school. Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills." I want to wish you a wonderful, safe, fun-filled summer vacation! Have fun, keep reading, writing and practicing math and we'll see you in August!

**Educationally Yours,
Adrienne Clotman
Assistant Principal, John Dewey
"One Team, One Vision, One Goal"**

Summer is a time for fun in the sun! It is also a time when students can have fun and practice their math skills too! Without continued math practice, students typically regress over summer. This can be avoided by spending just a few minutes each day thinking like a mathematician. As a parent you may wonder how can you best help your child continue to improve their math skills over the summer? Here are few things that you can try:

iReady- This is an online program that can be accessed from school or from home which provides your child with individualized lessons based on skills that they are ready to learn. Your child already has a username and password so that they can access this account. If you do not know their username and password, please contact their classroom teacher to get that information.

Math Add+Vantage Website- Math Add+Vantage is a program that focuses on the area of number sense in Math. This website contains a variety of fun games like *Battle of 10*, *Treasure Hunt*, *Speed*, and *Four's a Winner*. You can also find videos that demonstrate how to play the games.

Online Resources: Websites and Apps

- Students love to use technology! Why not use this to help them practice their math skills? **Pop Math, Hungry Fish, IXL, and Khan**

Academy are just a few of the fantastic online resources that you could use.



