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Dear Families of Students Entering Grades 1-5:

I can't believe another school year has come to a close. As you prepare for your summer schedule, please take a few minutes to schedule some time for math activities! Research is clear, students can experience "summer loss" that can be equivalent to three months of learning if they don't practice throughout the summer. The purpose of this summer math program is to encourage students to become mathematicians and provide them fun and engaging ways to practice their math skills.

Students are encouraged to complete the enclosed math activity, *Summer Math Mission*. These math activities will provide students with the opportunity to reinforce math skills and concepts and engage in activities that connect math to their world. ***Please return the completed forms to your child's new teacher by September 9, 2015.*** Students who complete and return the *Math Mission* will receive a special surprise!

In addition, some suggested math websites/apps/activities for elementary students are listed below:

- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division: www.harcourtschool.com/activity/thats_a_fact/english_K_3.html
- Math skills for preschool through second grade students: www.pbs.org/parents/earlymath
- Word problems for grades four through six: www.teacher.scholastic.com/maven
- Online games to practice everything from basic addition facts to telling time: <http://resources.oswego.org/games>
- Practice skills from basic math to geometry: <http://www.mathisfun.com>
- Solve Me Puzzles: solve.me
- Greg Tang Math Summer Math Challenge: www.gregtangmath.com
- Sushi Monster App: Practice addition and multiplication skills by feeding the monster!
- Board Games: Pay Day, Life, Head Full of Numbers, Candyland, Sum Swamp, Sumoku, Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, Sorry, Connect 4, Trouble, Checkers, Chess, Shut the Box.
- Read World Math: Find math all around you this SUMMER while...cooking, Meal planning, Gardening, Grocery Shopping, Traveling, Creating a Timeline

As you know, learning doesn't stop in the summer. I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please feel free to email me if you have any further questions at kellej@carver.org.

Sincerely,

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