



# 6TH GRADE SUMMER WORK

## MATH

Dear Rising 6th Grade Parents,

I am very happy that I will be working as Park Maitland's 6th grade math teacher next year and that I will again have the privilege of teaching your children. I am writing to let you know some important information about the summer math work the students will do in preparation for next year and also to introduce myself.

Next year will be my 29th year as a teacher, and I honestly think I enjoy teaching math more now than when I originally started. I am very much looking forward to helping each of you reach your individual potential next year. This summer's math assignment will once again be **ALEKS**, a research-based online math program designed to help students fulfill their summer math requirement. Your child will have the opportunity to use this amazing program that uses artificial intelligence and adaptive questioning to assess a student's knowledge in math and deliver individualized instruction based on what the student is most **ready to learn**. Your child can use ALEKS at home, school, or anywhere with a computer and Internet connection - it is compatible with the iOS system on iPads as well! In addition to making math a more exciting and enriching experience, ALEKS offers a more personalized learning experience by providing a highly-individualized learning path specific to each student's academic ability. This individualized path builds tremendous learning momentum, helping students achieve success and confidence in their math abilities.

**The school will be pre-registering your student and you will receive a letter with information on how to access the program along with your child's individual user name and log-in when you pick up your child's report card and ITBS scores the week of June 12th.** Each student will be required to complete between 10-11 hours of time within **ALEKS** over the summer months. I will be monitoring their progress over the summer and will be in communication if need be.



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I think you will find the **ALEKS** program to be very beneficial and easy to use! Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me through my Park Maitland email. I look forward to working with your student next year!

*Click on the link here to access the ALEKS Summer Math Tutorial videos: [LINK](#)*

Sincerely,

John Driscoll

6th Grade Math Teacher

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## READING

Welcome (almost) Sixth-Graders!

I cannot wait to have you in my class! You are asked to read **two books** this summer. Please carefully read the instructions below and follow the directions so you know what is expected of you for the first day of school. You may email me at [ekeckley@parkmaitland.org](mailto:ekeckley@parkmaitland.org) if you have any questions.

**1.) Choose one of the following historical fiction books to read.** Please select the book that speaks to you personally. I will be asking you to explain why you chose this book, so really take the time to consider which one seems the most appealing. (In other words: the number of pages shouldn't be your only determining factor.)

- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper
- *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley

Please **draw and color** a memorable scene from the book you have chosen. Be sure to include the title and author's name as well as a typed paragraph explaining what is taking place in the scene.

**This is due on the first day of school.** As with all assignments, make sure you have included your name, too!

2. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson. This will be our first unit of the school year, so please **do not read it until just before school starts in August**. There will be essay questions assigned during class; therefore, you must **bring a copy of the book with you on the first day of school**. I am a big fan of audio and ebooks, but it would be best if you had a hardback or paper copy of the book for this assignment.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Keckley



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## ESW - OPTIONAL

We will spend a considerable amount of time diagramming this school year. To help me learn a little bit about you (and your diagramming skills), please send me a postcard with a sentence describing one thing you did over the Summer.

Label and diagram the sentence on the postcard. You do not have to write a complicated sentence, though it will impress me if you can correctly label and diagram the following elements: an appositive, an indirect object, an adverb, and/or a subject complement.

Remember to include your name!

Please mail your postcard to:

Mrs. Keckley

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