

Dear incoming 6th grade students,

Welcome to middle school! And most especially, happy 1st day of summer vacation! Woo-hoo!
I normally suggest a few activities to help bridge the summer “learning” gap. **No requirements** ... just some ideas for summer learning fun! Please see the following list:

1. **READ!** Try reading a historical novel! Some suggestions are highlighted below or check with your local library for additional selections ... The Egypt Game, Crispin: The Cross of Lead, A Single Shard, From the Mixed- Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, The Bronze Bow, The Door in the Wall, The Beatryce Prophecy, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Treasure Island, Around the World in 80 Days, etc ... The strongest readers are also consistently the strongest writers/students ... just read!

2. Practice **geography** on the following sites:

<https://online.seterra.com/>

<https://nationalgeographic.com/>

On the National Geographic site, under “menu” in the top right corner, explore the following topics/sections:

History & Culture

Podcasts – Check out the fascinating podcasts on – The Life of Amelia Earhart, How Anne Frank’s Diary Survived, The Hole Where King Tut’s Heart used to be, etc.

3. Practice **social studies skills with IXL!** Some content areas are highlighted, under 6th grade, for practice.

4. Check out <https://www.icivics.org/> ... an online interactive created by retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to keep students engaged in **civic education**. The site is pure fun and highly interactive!

5. Check out the History Channel for any new releases this summer!

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Enjoy a happy and healthy summer and get ready for some middle school fun! God Bless!

Sincerely,

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