

June 2020

Dear Families,

With the end of the school year rapidly upon us, typically calendars would be quickly filling up with your child's summer activities. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, this may not be the case for this summer. While the summer months are a welcome opportunity for enjoyment and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall. In an effort to lessen this achievement gap, Hebron Public Schools would like to remind you of multiple learning opportunities your child has available to them over the summer vacation.

As your child moves to the next grade, there are some crucial things you can do to help them succeed. Although this list is not all inclusive, these little things will lead to big successes next year.

- Read to and listen to your child read
- Access the Douglas Library Collection here: <https://douglaslibrary.org/resources/>
- If you need a library card, use this form: <https://douglas.biblio.org/eg/opac/register> and/or send an email to info@douglaslibrary.org
- Complete the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge
- Check out our read aloud link
<https://sites.google.com/hebron.k12.ct.us/hebronreads/home>
- Complete the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge
- Practice those math facts
- Help your child develop a sense of working on and solving problems independently
- Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, journal entries, etc. are great ways to get thoughts organized and put onto paper

This year, your child has been using many online resources that they can continue to access over the summer months. Please reference the back of this letter for the website addresses as well as login information. It might be helpful to post this information on a refrigerator or near the electronic device your child uses most frequently.

We are providing each child with a menu of optional activities. In addition, Gilead Hill School teachers are each sending home a summer learning packet. Hebron Elementary School teachers will be sending home reading and math workbooks for optional practice. In Hebron, "summer learning loss" is something we can prevent when parents and schools work together to provide relevant summer reading and math programs. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher, reading or math specialist(s), or myself. Have a restful and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

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Grade 4 Online Learning Resources

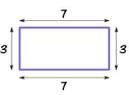
Below are many of the online resources your child accessed through Distance Learning.
Your child already has his/her login information from his/her teacher.

Typing Club https://talon.typingclub.com	Username is last name followed by the first 3 letters of their first name	Password is your child's lunch code and three initials
Room Recess www.roomrecess.com	No login information needed	
Math Learning Center https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/home-learning	No login information needed	
SquiggleParkDreamscape www.squigglepark.com		
Freckle www.student.freckle.com	Anderson Code: AQU56Q Harris Code: 4BC5AK King Code: BYS6FX Lasko Code: UNC7JU Wishart Code: WISHAB	
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Prodigy www.prodigygame.com		
Reflex www.reflexmath.com		



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BINGO Board 1 ~ Summer Skill Builders for incoming 5th Graders!

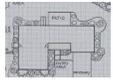
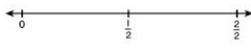
<p>Be on the lookout for changes in the characters in your book. How has the character changed? What caused the change?</p> 	<p>Write about a day you would like to relive from the past year. Be sure to use descriptive words.</p> 	<p>Tell a different ending. After reading a story, write a different ending. What happens next?</p> 	<p>Go all day without using technology. Write about what new things you did today.</p> 	<p>As you finish your book, you are the teacher: Create a test based on the book.</p> 
<p>While you're reading today, remember to stop at certain parts in your text and make a prediction about what you think will happen next.</p> 	<p>Write a short story about a summer's day from a dog's point of view. Be creative.</p> 	<p>Take a minute to think about a goal you have for yourself. Write it down and think about 3 things that will help you reach that goal.</p> 	<p>Write a persuasive essay about how much time kids should spend outside in the summer. Be sure to have convincing evidence.</p> 	<p>Pick a favorite spot in your home or your yard. Write a description of this setting. Be sure to write descriptively so your reader can picture it exactly as you see it.</p> 
<p>Look through recipes and make a list of fractions used. Put the fractions in order from least to greatest.</p> 	<p>Write down how many hours you sleep each night for a week. What fraction of each day did you sleep? What fraction of the week?</p> 	<p>Pick a two-digit number, multiply it by 10 and subtract the original number. Is this number divisible by 9? Why? Try it 4 more times.</p> 	<p>Find 4 ways to divide 100 into equal groups. Choose a different number and do it again.</p> 	<p>Measure the perimeter of two different objects in your home. Find the difference of the perimeters.</p> 
<p>What number am I? I am less than 25×10 and greater than 22×10. I am a multiple of 5. I am odd. The sum of my digits is 10.</p> <p>Now come up with your own math riddle.</p> 	<p>Grab 10 coins and find the value. Grab another 10 coins and find the value. Find the difference between the two sets of coins.</p> <p>Try it again.</p> 	<p>Find a shoebox. Measure the perimeter of the top of the box. If a stamp is 1×1 inches, how many are needed to make a border around the top?</p> <p>Try this with a different box.</p> 	<p>Plan a meal for your family. Create the menu and use grocery flyers or online apps to find prices. How much will it cost to make that meal?</p> 	<p>What number is 10 more than 4,492? What number is 300 more than 4,830? What number is 500 more than 4,654?</p> <p>Make your own 4 digit number, and answer the same questions.</p> 
<p>There is so much to be grateful for! Try to fill out all 10 from this "Gratitude Prompts for Kids" list.</p> 	<p>Do a chore for someone without them knowing. What will you do? Who will you do it for? Notice how you feel before and after doing this "mystery chore."</p> 	<p>Long term goals are goals that will take a long time to accomplish. (Wanting to be a chef when you grow up). What are 3 long term goals you have? What can you do now to help you reach those goals?</p> 	<p>Practice taking a deep breath. Breathe in through your nose for 4 seconds, then slowly breathe out through your mouth for 4 seconds. You can take a deep breath anytime and anywhere to help yourself feel more calm and in control when you're feeling upset, sad, or even when you're bored! It helps your brain wake up.</p> 	





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<p>Think about the perspective of a character in your book. How does the character's life experience affect their perspective?</p> 	<p>Invite a character from your book to dinner. Create an invitation and some questions to ask him/her during dinner.</p> 	<p>Reach out to a friend today and have a book-share with them. Recommend a book that you've read and see if you can convince them to read it!</p> 	<p>Think of one thing you have always wanted to learn. Write a persuasive piece to convince your parents to let you learn it.</p> 	<p>Choose a part of your book that really caught your attention. Consider the author's purpose in including this part? Why is this part important to the story?</p> 
<p>Name a theme you believe the author is developing in your book. Think about how the author develops the theme across many different parts of the book.</p> 	<p>Choose a character in your book. Show how that character is complex by naming more than one trait for the character. Be sure to find evidence in the text to support the traits you've chosen.</p> 	<p>Take a minute to think about a goal you have for yourself. Write it down and think about 3 things that will help you reach that goal.</p> 	<p>Find a favorite nonfiction topic to read about on Epic! After reading a chunk of text, identify the main idea along with supporting details. Now teach what you've learned to someone else.</p> 	<p>Write a 5 senses poem about a summer day.</p> 
<p>For a week, write down how much time you spend in front of a screen. Also write down how much time you spend outside. Make a bar graph and compare screen time vs. outside time.</p> 	<p>What number am I? The digits in my number are 3, 8, 4, 1. I am odd. I have a 4 in my hundreds place. I am less than 2,000. Now create your own Math Riddle.</p> 	<p>Would you rather be given a one foot high stack of nickels or a one foot line of quarters laid end to end? Estimate the total value of each.</p> 	<p>Determine the rule in the pattern. What comes next in each pattern? 1, 1, 2, 4, 7, ____ 4, 9, 16, 25, ____</p> <p>Create your own number patterns, what is the rule of your pattern?</p> 	<p>Design a garden. Using paper and a ruler, create a scale version of your garden using inches instead of feet. How long will it be? How wide? What fruit, vegetables, or flowers will you plant?</p> 
<p>Put the following numbers in order from least to greatest: 1, 1 3/4, 1 1/2, 3/4, 2 1/4, 1/2, 1 1/4, 1/4, 2 1/2</p> <p>Create a number line to show your work.</p> 	<p>Read the labels on food boxes in your kitchen. What do you notice? What kind of numbers do you see? What can you learn from these numbers?</p> 	<p>A farm has cows and ducks. There are 78 feet and 27 heads. How many of each animal are there? How do you know?</p> 	<p>Write a word problem in which the answer is 354. Have someone solve it.</p> <p>Create a different problem.</p> 	<p>Grab a pile of quarters. Figure out the value. How many nickels do you need to equal that same amount?</p> <p>Try it again.</p> 
<p>Ask an adult at home if they have addresses of friends or family members that you could write to. Be a penpal to someone who lives near or far!</p> 	<p>Have you ever tried "guided meditation"? Have an adult use the internet to find a good "guided meditation" audio recording or video for kids. Here's one to get you started: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWOHcGEITmc</p> 	<p>Interview a parent or family member to learn about their favorite things when they were your age. What did they do for fun in the summer? Who was their best friend? Who was their favorite teacher at school?</p> 	<p>A "positive affirmation" is an idea you say to yourself that helps you feel more confident and happy about yourself or a situation. Some examples of positive affirmations are: "I am capable of doing tough things." "My smile is contagious." "I believe in myself." "Happiness starts with me."</p> <p>See if you can think of more! Think of these positive phrases whenever you need a little boost of confidence.</p>	



