

June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley

SUMMER 2026 READING FOR GRADE 8

Name _____

Here is the form you must use to record the time you spend reading. Write the title, author, date, and the amount of time (hours or minutes) spent reading. A parent (or other adult) must sign at the end of the days you have read. The log **WILL BE GRADED (TEST)** and must total **AT LEAST 1,800 MINUTES/30 HOURS**. You must read multiple books. A note from a parent stating that you have read the required number of hours **will not be accepted**. If you lose the form, make another form write on lined pieces of paper, or go to the school website. Thank you and have an enjoyable summer spent reading!

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You must hand in this completed form on the first day of school.

Have a terrific summer, good luck, and enjoy the books you choose to read!

Have fun!
Mrs. Curran

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR GRADES 6,7 & 8

GRADE 6

4 – Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Calculator

1 – 1 inch binder

1 – ½ inch binder

2 – Folders

GRADE 7

7 – Spiral Notebooks

Calculator

6 – Folders

1 – 3 Subject Notebook for ELA

4 – 1 Subject Notebook for all subjects

Case IT Organizer – optional

GRADE 8

7 – Spiral Notebooks

Calculator

6 – Folders

1 – 3 Subject Notebook for ELA

4 – 1 Subject Notebook for all subjects

Case IT Organizer – optional

All students – pencils, pens, erasers, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks