



# WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

On May 4, 2017, Mr. Puleo sent a parent communication and one of the announcements included the implementation of a Summer Academic Packet. The focus of these packets will be on reading, writing and math. Our packets have been prepared to mitigate summer learning loss and to reduce the instructional time, in the fall, that teachers spend reteaching skills and concepts previously taught.

What is summer learning loss? Research indicates that students may lose up to approximately two months of math skills specifically factual and procedural knowledge. Math practice using paper/pencil and web-based program will support these skills. Additionally, while students tend to have many opportunities to read throughout the summer, they may not apply their knowledge through discussion or in writing. The summer academic packets will offer students the ability to share his/her newfound information by preparing book reports. Through writing assignments, students will continue to strengthen their stamina, organization, conventions and written expression.

The Summer Academic Packets are expected to be completed and submitted on the first day of school. Please have your student complete the packet for the grade that they just completed; the packet serves as a review. Students will receive a participation grade. The students' work will serve as a tool to help teachers identify areas of strengths and needs in reading, writing and math. Additionally, every student will receive a WSCA pencil and a special ROAR ticket providing a chance to win a prize. We encourage parents to support their children by establishing when they should complete the assignments over the course of the summer; explaining directions; and offering prompts when needed. Parents should keep notes on how much they help their children and share this with their child(ren)'s teacher(s).

The packets are being handed out to students and will be uploaded to our school website shortly.

Kindly,

Chris Moser, LS Principal



