



Sheridan Hills Christian School

Summer Practice

Dear Parent,

Research studies have shown that during an extended summer vacation, students may lose an average of 2.6 months' worth of knowledge. Now that students are out of school for the summer, it is critically important to continue fostering the habit of reading and learning at home.

At SHCS, we seek to instill in each student a love of reading to cultivate lifelong learning. Reading gives students an understanding of the world around them and glimpses into different realms and periods of time. Students who read daily develop higher writing and speech abilities.

Summer practice also includes a mathematics review. The work is to be completed over the summer vacation. With your help and motivation, your child will complete this practice a little each week. **Daily reading is optimal and your child should practice math at least two to three times per week.**

We pray you will have a safe and wonderful summer vacation!

In His Service,
SHCS Lower School Administration



Entering Grade 1 – Summer Reading

Students entering 1st Grade are strongly encouraged to practice reading skills for 1.5 to 2 hours per week throughout the summer. The following is a short list of recommended classical books your child might enjoy.

Reading books that are enjoyable and interesting to them is important. The students should read both independently and with the assistance of a parent who reads aloud to them **daily**. As you read together with your child, you should involve them in the process by asking them to read sentences out loud along the way. Asking open-ended questions is also great reading comprehension practice.

<i>Suggested Reading Options</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>The Elves and the Shoemaker</i>	<i>retold by Paul Galdone</i>
<i>The Five Chinese Brothers</i>	<i>Claire H. Bishop</i>
<i>Henny Penny</i>	<i>Paul Galdone</i>
<i>Now We Are Six</i>	<i>A.A. Milne</i>
<i>Over the River and Through the Woods</i>	<i>Lydia Maria Child</i>

Entering Grade 1 – Summer Math Practice

It is important to keep your student's math skills sharp over the summer months. Mathematics is a subject in which new skills and procedures build on previously learned material.

To best prepare students for the coming year and to help them maintain mastery of skills already learned, incoming first graders should complete summer math practice online at [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org) for at least **two hours per week**. Please help your child set up an account (no teacher code needed) and have them practice grade-level skills. This practice will help your student gain a strong understanding of math skills and become better equipped to learn more advanced math concepts in 1st grade.