



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 Kindergarten – Summer Practice

Students entering Kindergarten are strongly encouraged to practice reading skills 1.5-2 hours per week throughout the summer. Parents are also encouraged to read aloud to children **daily**. As your child begins reading on their own, you should involve them in the process of reading together by asking them to read words or sentences out loud along the way. This is great practice for them. The following is a short list of recommended books you and your child might enjoy this summer.

<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>

Students at this grade level are also encouraged to practice reading, writing, and math skills by working on a [Summer Bridge Activities](#) workbook. Summertime learning is crucial for children entering Kindergarten. Five-year-olds' brains develop rapidly and have the ability to learn and recall many new concepts every day.

The grammar stage of classical education is the first stage of the trivium. It is where learning begins. At this stage, children learn the structure of language, which helps them greatly as they move through all the stages of the trivium. Continued practice during the summer months will help your child start the year strong.

****Summer Bridge Activities** workbooks are only one suggestion for parents. There are many other great activity workbooks, such as [Skill Sharpeners](#) for skill-specific practice, and the [Smart Start](#) series for reading and math.