



# 6TH GRADE SUMMER WORK

## MATH

Dear Rising 6th Grade Parents,

I am very happy that I will be working as Park Maitland's 6th grade math teacher next year and that I will have the privilege of teaching your children. I am writing to let you know some important information about the summer math work the students will do in preparation for next year and also to introduce myself.

Next year will be my 31st year as a teacher, and I honestly think I enjoy teaching math more now than when I originally started. I am very much looking forward to helping each of my students reach their individual potential next year.

This summer your child will have several options for their summer math assignment. They will be able to use iReady and IXL- two tools with which our students use while in session. The login information for both accounts is listed on the next page. If you would prefer your child to have an additional resource beyond these two that are provided by the school, we recommend ALEKS. ALEKS summer subscriptions can be purchased directly from their website. We have shared a synopsis of all three programs below.

- **i-Ready:** This tool has been utilized during the school year as a diagnostic program for teachers to gauge concept mastery. We now have access to the robust instructional materials to offer to students in summer months. This is an intuitive program that allows teachers to monitor student data for conceptual growth. Website: [login.i-ready.com](https://login.i-ready.com)
- **IXL:** This tool allows students to gain fluency and confidence in math. IXL helps students master essential skills at their own pace through fun and interactive questions, built in support, and motivating awards. This tool was made available to our students throughout the school year and is now available in summer months as well. Website: [ixl.com/signin/parkmaitland](https://ixl.com/signin/parkmaitland)



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Additional option that can be purchased on your own:

- **ALEKS** uses adaptive questioning to quickly determine exactly what a student knows and doesn't know in a course. ALEKS then instructs the student on the topics he/she is most ready to learn. ALEKS also periodically reassesses the student to ensure that topics learned are also retained. This resource can be found at [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com).

Your child should complete a minimum of 12 hours of combined math practice from any of the above programs. We challenge you to go beyond this minimum requirement as your child's summer schedule allows, as it will greatly benefit his/her conceptual growth. The completion of 12 hours will be a fabulous 100% quiz grade to start off the year.

If you have questions, please let me know. I will be checking my email periodically over the summer and will get back to you. If you have an urgent question, please contact the front office.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

John Driscoll

6th Grade Math Teacher

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## READING

Welcome (almost) Sixth-Graders!

I cannot wait to have you in my class! You are asked to read **two books** this summer. Please carefully read the instructions below and follow the directions to know what is expected of you for the first day of school. You may email me at [ekeckley@parkmaitland.org](mailto:ekeckley@parkmaitland.org) if you have any questions.

**1.) Choose one of the following historical fiction books to read.** Please select the book that speaks to you personally. I will be asking you to explain why you chose this book, so really take the time to consider which one seems the most appealing. (In other words: the number of pages shouldn't be your only determining factor.)

- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper
- *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley

Please **create a colorful illustration** of a memorable scene from the book you have chosen. This can be done on your iPad, but please don't just copy and paste a picture of the cover. Be sure to include the title and author's name as well as a typed paragraph explaining what is taking place in the scene.

**This is due on the first day of school.** As with all assignments, make sure you have included your name, too!

2. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson. This will be our first unit of the school year, so please **do not read it until just before school starts in August.** There will be essay questions assigned during class; therefore, you must **bring a copy of the book with you on the first day of school.** I am a big fan of audio and ebooks, but it would be best if you had a hardback or paper copy of the book for this assignment.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Keckley



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## ESW-OPTIONAL

We will spend a considerable amount of time diagramming this school year. To help me learn a little bit about you (and your diagramming skills), please send me a postcard or a notecard with a sentence describing one thing you did over the Summer.

Label and diagram the sentence on the postcard. You do not have to write a complicated sentence, though it will impress me if you can correctly label and diagram the following elements: an appositive, an indirect object, an adverb, and/or a subject complement.

Remember to include your name!

Please mail your postcard to:

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