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Dear Parents and Students of LCA,

As we conclude our 2018-2019 academic year, students, we want to thank you for all the hard work you did in order to complete your classes. It is great to be successful and look back and know that you did your best, as well as look forward to the future while preparing to meet the next challenge with more knowledge and wisdom than ever before. With that goal in mind, we want to encourage you to become all that God has intended. We believe that our society is in need of strong, intelligent leaders. It is our strong desire to equip you with the tools necessary to both serve others and provide the foundational understanding that only God brings ultimate truth into our lives. We want you to be prepared to meet those needs in our society when you graduate and move onto your next adventure.

Parents thank you for your encouragement and support. You have driven countless hours, helped with homework, and made many lunches. We love partnering with you! As we move into summer, we want to continue the task of developing the minds of our students.

Because we believe that learning never takes a break, and our brains need to be stimulated daily, we are providing our students with a Summer Learning Packet. This is work that is meant to keep the minds of our students fresh and prepared for the coming school year. Our teachers in the Language and Math departments have spent several hours constructing these packets to enable your son or daughter to keep moving forward in the educational process. We have been careful to put together assignments that require minimal amount of time to complete. You will find this booklet only contains 10 math assignments, 2 literary projects, and a Spanish assignment for those enrolled in Spanish. We encourage parents to help your child navigate through this by setting aside a time for them to get their work done. Perhaps you can even design a reward system that will help motivate their progress. We will also be providing a "reward" as the assignments will be collected the first week of school for credit in the first quarter grading period. These details are listed in the packet.

As an administrator, I am grateful for teachers who take extra time to prepare and grade these projects. We all view these assignments as an essential part of the learning curriculum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Mr. Greg Scheck
Interim Superintendent

WHY SUMMER LEARNING?

"Summer brain drain is a real concern for teachers and parents. Students who are not actively engaged in some form of academic activity during the summer can lose up to two months worth of knowledge. The good news is that it can be prevented by consistent and continuous engagement. The most significant amount of summer learning loss comes in mathematics, where students can lose 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in math computational skills when they stop regularly using it. Students often score significantly lower on achievement tests taken in the fall compared to the previous end of the school year. Teachers typically spend up to six weeks getting students up to speed when August and September roll around."

(Gundlach, "Combating summer Learning Loss" at brihthubeducaiton.com)



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