

Dear Holy Rosary Families

Summertime is such a wonderful time for students. They are able to grow as individuals and pursue challenges beyond what the school year has to offer. When summer ends, students have so many interesting stories to share that show they continue to think and grow throughout their summer break.

September is also a time when students find they are not as proficient as they were in June. Practicing helps! Below you will find a series of activities and websites that you and your child are able to do during the summer in order to maintain skills and abilities throughout the year.

~ **Play games** – board games of any type are a great way for students to develop skills both in communication and in mathematics. Great math skills board games include:

Monopoly	Uno	Parcheesi	Sorry
Pay Day	Shut the Box	Risk	Yahtzee
Cribbage	Card Games like crazy 8's, Rummy, or Kings in the Corner		

~ **Set a budget** - Start financial planning early! Set up a summer budget with your child. Help your student to understand how to manage their incoming money.

~ **Practice math facts** – It is great if students know their multiplication facts through their 12's. You can practice these with flash cards, or a simple deck of cards. Understanding the patterns of multiplication is essential for developing a strong foundation in mathematics.

~ **Take an online class** –

Ms. Mulvihill highly recommends the following free, self-paced class for both parents and students:

Title: How to Learn Math for Students  
Provider: Stanford Online  
Website: <https://lagunita.stanford.edu/courses/Education/EDUC115-S/Spring2014/about>

~ **Visit the websites** –

Visit the websites for your student's math-in-focus books: Thinkcentral.com (k-5) or my.hrw.com (6-8)

Other sites that offer math games and skills training:

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

<http://www.purplemath.com/>

<http://gregtangmath.com/>

Khan Academy – Math lessons that are free

Another great idea to help keep your student on track throughout the summer is to set and maintain a schedule and routine. Set a day that is the Math Facts Day. Set a day for online learning. Have a set time to be awake and ready, and a bedtime so that students can have an easier transition back into formal learning in September.

Thank-you for all that you are doing to support your student throughout the summer. Your hard work really pays off in September!

The Middle School Math Team.