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Summer Enrichment 2026–2027

Dear Incoming 8th Graders and Families:

Welcome to 8th grade! We are excited to partner with you during this important year as students prepare for high school and continue building the skills needed for future success.

Summer is an opportunity to strengthen academic skills and explore new interests. The activities below are designed to help students stay engaged academically while still enjoying a well-deserved summer break. All of the assigned activities (reflections and trackers) should be completed before the first day of school, **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, and brought to school for review and discussion.

JULY: READ, EXPLORE, AND DISCOVER

ELA

- Read for 20–30 minutes, at least four days each week.
- Visit your local library and choose a book that interests you.
- Once a week, complete a short journal entry. You can write about:
 - A character you connected with
 - A theme or big idea you noticed
 - Something that surprised you
 - A connection to your own life

Suggested Summer Reads:

The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas
Long Way Down – Jason Reynolds
Refugee – Alan Gratz
A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park
The Outsiders – S.E. Hinton

Math

- Complete 15 minutes of math practice two times per week using Khan Academy or DeltaMath
- Focus on:
 - Combining Like Terms
 - Evaluating Expressions
 - Solving Equations

Science

- Take time to observe something in nature and record what you notice.
- Research one scientific discovery or innovation that interests you.
- Watch a science video from NASA, National Geographic, or the Smithsonian and write one thing you learned.

Social Studies

- Read one news article each week and discuss it with someone at home.
- Interview a family member about an important life experience or historical moment they remember.
- Learn about a historical site in New York City.

July Exploration

Choose one place to visit:

- American Museum of Natural History
- Governors Island
- African Burial Ground National Monument
- Federal Hall National Memorial

After your visit, take a photo, write a reflection, or share one interesting fact you learned.

AUGUST: PREPARE FOR 8TH GRADE SUCCESS

ELA

- Continue reading 20–30 minutes, at least four days each week.
- Finish at least one full book over the summer.
- Write a one-page reflection about your favorite text from the summer.

Math

- Complete 15 minutes of math practice two times per week using Khan Academy or DeltaMath
- Review:
 - Graphing Points in the Coordinate Plane
 - Understanding unit rate and proportional relationships
- Find three real-world examples of math being used in everyday life.

Science

- Visit a science museum, park, or nature center if possible.
- Complete a simple STEM activity or experiment at home.
- Research a STEM career that interests you and find out what education is required for it.

Social Studies

- Follow one current event happening in NYC, the U.S., or the world.
- Learn about a historical figure who made a positive impact on society.
- Visit or virtually explore a historical landmark.

August Exploration

Choose one place to visit:

- New York Hall of Science
- Wave Hill
- Statue of Liberty
- Tenement Museum

After your visit, take a photo, write a reflection, or share one interesting thing you learned.

The transition to high school begins now. Developing strong habits of reading, problem-solving, critical thinking, and curiosity will help students succeed throughout 8th grade and beyond.

We hope your family enjoys a summer filled with learning, exploration, and fun. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's growth. We look forward to an exciting and successful school year ahead.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ha, Ms. Leichert, Mr. Murga, Ms. Quinzon, Mr. Villaroya
The 8th Grade Team

8th Grade ELA Summer Reading Reflection

Title of Text: _____

Author: _____

Brief Summary

In 3–5 sentences, summarize the text. Include the main characters, setting, and central conflict or topic.

Why This Was My Summer Text

Explain why you chose this text as your summer reading selection. What made it stand out to you?

Personal Connection

How did you connect to the text, a character, or an event in the story? Did it remind you of your own experiences, another book, or something happening in the world?

8th Grade Math Summer Tracker and Reflection

JULY MATH PRACTICE

Complete 15 minutes of math practice two times per week using Khan Academy or DeltaMath.

Focus Skills: Combining Like Terms, Evaluating Expressions, Solving Equations

Week Ending	Session 1 (15 minutes)	Session 2 (15 minutes)	Notes (include what topic and what website was used)
7/10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7/17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7/24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7/31	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

What is one skill you still need more practice with? Why?

How did practicing math over time help (or not help) your confidence?

AUGUST MATH PRACTICE

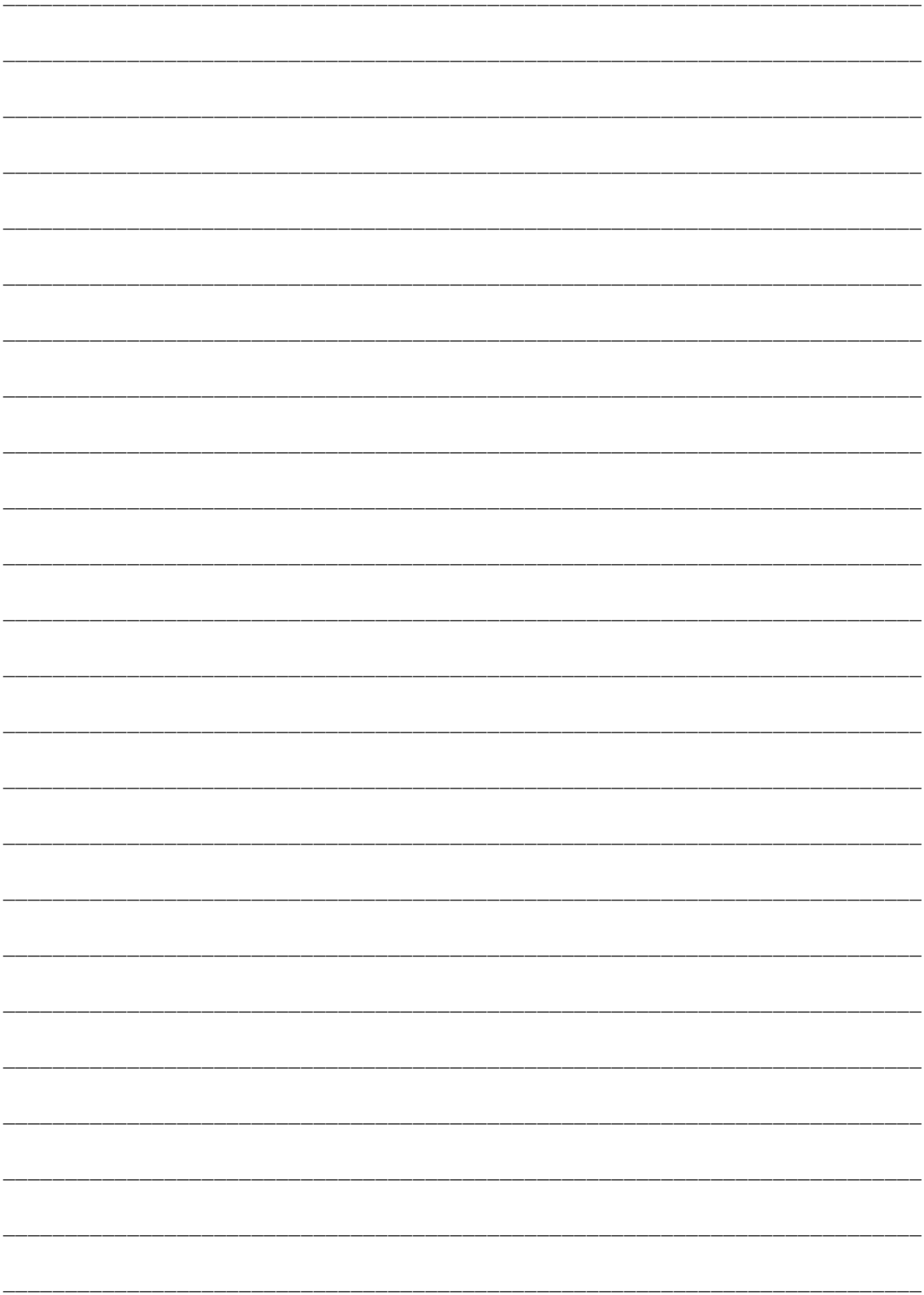
Complete 15 minutes of math practice two times per week using Khan Academy or DeltaMath.

Focus Skills: Graphing Points in the Coordinate Plane, Unit Rate and Proportional Relationships, Real-world applications of math

Week Ending	Session 1 (15 minutes)	Session 2 (15 minutes)	Notes (include what topic and what website was used)
8/7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8/14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8/28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Where do you see math showing up in your daily life?

How do you feel about math going into 8th grade?



8th Grade Science Summer Activity and Reflection

Directions: After you have completed one of the July and August enrichment activities, answer the guiding questions below.

Science

- Take time to observe something in nature and record what you notice.
- Research one scientific discovery or innovation that interests you.
- Watch a science video from NASA, National Geographic, or the Smithsonian and write one thing you learned.
- Visit a science museum, park, or nature center if possible.
- Complete a simple STEM activity or experiment at home.
- Research a STEM career that interests you and find out what education is required for it.

What was the main Topic of your activity?

Why did you choose that particular topic? Did anyone influence you or motivate you to explore that topic?

What did you learn about that chosen topic, and what concept or phenomenon that stood out based on your observation and analysis?

How does the learning of this particular study connect and help you in navigating the real world?
