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Dear District 105 Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of the year again to begin thinking about District 105 Summer CONNECT learning experiences for your children. Research focused on academic skill regression states that over the summer months students can lose anywhere from one to three months of learning! District 105 has completed a comprehensive study examining multiple years of student data. Consistent with national studies on summer regression, we determined that our students regress over the summer as well. This regression is seen across all of our District 105 schools, and all socio-economic levels are impacted.

To address this learning loss, District 105 has offered the CONNECT program over the last six summers. Our programming has evolved over the years, with any changes always based on student performance data and how to best serve our students and families over the summer months. Survey results over the last few years have highlighted that District 105 summer programming has been well received by families and is highly valued by the parent community. Therefore, the Summer CONNECT programming will continue this year with learning opportunities and resources available at each of our five community schools. Summer CONNECT 2018, lasting from June 11-August 2, will include the following:

#### **Summer Goal Setting**

Setting goals with students is a common practice across our classrooms all year long. It is important that learning goals are carried over into the summer months. For Summer CONNECT 2018, our kindergarten-7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students will be setting summer reading and math goals together. Your child's goals for the summer months can be found inside the Summer CONNECT 2018 folder. Take some time to review these goals with your child as well as reflect on their progress over the summer months!

#### **Math and Literacy Family Game Nights**

Over the summer months, District 105 will host a Math and Literacy Family Game Night at each elementary school! This evening event will offer a wide range of games spanning all age ranges that parents and children can enjoy together! We hope you can take part in this engaging experience for the whole family! Mark your calendars for the fun!

- **Ideal School – July 10 (6:00-7:30 pm)**
- **Spring Avenue/Gurrie (held at Spring Avenue) – July 16 (6:00-7:30 pm)**
- **Hodgkins School – July 24 (6:00-7:30 pm)**
- **Seventh Avenue – August 1 (6:00-7:30 pm)**

#### **Compass Learning and IXL Online Math and ELA Programs (grades K-8)**

All students in District 105 have an online account to Compass Learning ELA and Math as well as access to an IXL Math online account. Access will continue over the summer months. Compass Learning offers targeted skill practiced that is individualized to the student based on MAP Test results. IXL is a comprehensive math practice site with an unlimited number of math practice questions in hundreds of skills — all of which are aligned to grade level standards.

#### **Summer Learning For All Website**

District 105 teachers and staff have combined efforts and are excited to bring you the Summer Learning For All webpage. The resources found on this webpage have been chosen to enhance your child's summer learning. Visit a museum's online collection, practice your math facts, or be creative with poetry and writing. Visit [www.d105.net](http://www.d105.net) for more information.

#### **Calendar of Math and Reading Activities**

Over the months of June, July, and August, keeping students focused on Math and Literacy on a daily basis is critical to curb summer regression. Inside your Summer CONNECT 2018 folder, you will find a calendar of literacy and math activities spanning June through August. Use these daily activities as a way to keep the learning going throughout the entire summer. These calendars will also be linked on our district website under *Summer Learning For All*.

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**Family Summer Book Club**

Families with students of all ages are invited to participate in our first District 105 Summer Family Book Club taking place on **June 27th from 6:00-7:30pm** in the Ideal School library. The family book is *What Was the Great Chicago Fire?* written by Janet B. Pascal. Families will explore Chicago history through maps, science, and the stories of those who survived. A variety of stations and activities focused on the Chicago Fire will be set up for families to experience and investigate. Participating families will be provided the book and related materials before the end of the school year. **If interested, please sign up by the last day of school, June 1**, using this link: [goo.gl/x2fQBe](http://goo.gl/x2fQBe).

**Gurrie Summer Learning Sessions (incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students)**

A variety of academic-related learning sessions (similar to the offerings in CONNECT 2017) will be available for our middle school students. These offerings will be communicated to our 2018-19 Gurrie Middle School students and parents before year end.

**Summer District Open Library**

District Open Library this summer will offer hours at all five of our libraries. Students can read stories, check out books, and/or practice with IXL or Compass Learning during Open Library sessions. There will be early summer hours and late summer hours. Please see the schedule to the right for specific dates, times, and locations. All students are welcome to attend and check out books at any D105 libraries across the district. Open Library will take place during the weeks of **June 11-August 2**:

2018 District 105 Open Library Schedule			
Early Summer: June 11 – July 5, 2018			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Spring Ave (1:00-4:00)	Ideal (1:00-4:00)		Ideal (1:00-4:00)
Late Summer: July 9 – August 2, 2018			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Spring Ave (1:00-4:00)	Hodgkins (10:30-1:30) Ideal (1:00-4:00)	Gurrie (12:15-3:15) 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave (1:00-4:00)	Ideal (1:00-4:00)
<i>All District 105 families welcome at each school throughout the summer.</i>			

Through goal setting, math/literacy GAME nights, online learning opportunities, and suggested daily learning activities for parents and children, District 105 remains committed to maintaining student learning over the summer months. During the final week of school, keep an eye out for the **Summer CONNECT 2018** folder with more details around all our summer programming!

Thank you,

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