Summer Learning 2026

As we continue to uphold our strong tradition of academic excellence, we have reimagined our approach to summer work in a way that better reflects our mission and the skills students need to thrive in today's world.

This year, our summer learning experiences for students in grades K-5 are designed to balance academic rigor with student voice and choice. While students will continue to engage in purposeful academic work intended to maintain and strengthen essential skills over the summer months, they will have opportunities to explore topics of interest, engage in hands-on experiences, think critically, reflect deeply, explore career options, and make meaningful connections to their learning. Students in our preparatory grades (6-8) will participate in our first ever **Warrior Community Read**, allowing students an opportunity to build community and reflect on themselves as future agents of change in our world.

Our renewed approach to summer learning is intentionally connected to the Warrior traits we strive to cultivate in all students. Through these experiences, students will be challenged to grow as **Intellectual** thinkers who ask questions and seek understanding, **Resilient** learners who persevere through challenges, and **Accountable** individuals who take responsibility for their learning. Opportunities for reflection, creativity, and collaboration will also encourage students to become **Open-Hearted** and **Respectful** members of their communities, while experiences rooted in empathy, service, and real-world connection reinforce the importance of being **Service-Driven** and **Reverent** in how they engage with others and the world around them. Our goal is for students to return to school not only academically prepared, but also inspired and excited to continue growing as learners and individuals!

We are excited to partner with our families in supporting this renewed vision for summer learning and look forward to seeing the creativity, curiosity, and growth that our students will demonstrate throughout the summer months.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Congelio

Required and Optional Learning Opportunities

Students entering kindergarten through eighth grade have **required** summer learning that they are expected to complete. ***Accountable Warriors!***

In addition, students entering Kinder Prep through eighth grade *may choose to* complete **optional** learning opportunities that can be submitted to their teacher on the first day of school to earn Warrior points. Students may complete as few or as many of the optional activities as they would like. Accumulated Warrior points can be redeemed for prizes from the Warrior Prize Patrol cart once submitted work has been reviewed by the teachers.

To receive the designated points, all optional learning opportunities must be completed neatly, thoroughly, and accurately.

Primary Level Summer Learning

Entering Kinder Prep

Optional:

- Complete the kinder prep summer bucket list

Entering Kindergarten

Required:

- Complete the handwriting packet on letters and numbers

Optional:

- Teacher created literacy worksheet packets (2 points per packet)
    - Read and Color
    - Beginning Sounds
    - Last Sounds
    - Missing Letters
    - Syllables
    - Matching Rhymes
- Teacher created math packet (5 points)
- Earn points by completing options on the choice board (2 points for each choice)

Entering First Grade

Required:

- Pick one option from the choice board

Optional:

- Teacher created Math Packet finished completely (5 points)
- Complete the handwriting packet on letters and numbers (5 points)
- Teacher created literacy worksheet packets (2 points per packet)
    - Letter Sounds
    - CVC Words
    - Sentence Writing

Entering Second Grade

Required:

- Pick one option from the choice board

Optional:

- Teacher created Math Packet finished completely (5 points)
- Fact Fluency Practice on XtraMath (1 point for every 20 minutes of practice)
- Read a book from the attached list and complete the *Book in a Bag* assignment (2.5 points for each book/project)

Entering Third Grade

Required:

- Pick one option from the choice board

Optional:

- Teacher created Math Packet finished completely (5 points)
- Fact Fluency Practice on XtraMath (1 point for every 20 minutes of practice)
- Read a book from the attached list and complete the *Book in a Bag* assignment (2.5 points for each book/project)

Intermediate Level Summer Learning

Entering Fourth Grade

Required:

- Pick two options from the choice board

Optional:

- Teacher created Math Packet finished completely (5 points)
- Fact Fluency Practice on XtraMath (1 point for every 20 minutes of practice)
- Read a book from the attached list and complete the *Story in a Bag* assignment (2.5 points for each book/project)
- IXL lessons (1 point for every 3 lessons completed)

Entering Fifth Grade

Required:

- Pick two options from the choice board

Optional:

- Teacher created Math Packet finished completely (5 points)
- Fact Fluency Practice on XtraMath (1 point for every 20 minutes of practice)
- Read a book from the attached list and complete the *Story in a Bag* assignment (2.5 points for each book/project)
- IXL lessons (1 point for every 3 lessons completed)
- Membean Training (1 point for every 15 minute training session)

Preparatory Level Summer Learning

The Warrior Community Read: Inspiring Curiosity, Community, and Compassion

Students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade will begin the school year with a meaningful shared learning experience. Over the summer, all students will read the same selected book, ***The Red Bandanna:*** **(Young Readers Adaptation)** by Tom Rinaldi, creating a common foundation for reflection, discussion, collaboration, and discovery when we return to school.

On Friday, August 28th, students will participate in a retreat, which will be an immersive, cross-curricular experience as they are placed into mixed-grade small groups and rotate through a variety of interactive activities inspired by the book's themes of courage, empathy, service, leadership, and character. Guided by our preparatory teachers, administrators, and specialist faculty, students will engage in hands-on learning experiences that encourage critical thinking, creativity, communication, reflection, and teamwork.

Through ***The Warrior Community Read***, we hope to strengthen relationships, spark meaningful conversations, and set the stage for a school year grounded in academic excellence, curiosity, compassion, and community. Go Warriors!

Entering Sixth Grade

Required:

- Purchase and read the assigned book, *The Red Bandanna:* (Young Readers Adaptation) by Tom Rinaldi, and be prepared to discuss and complete activities and assignments on the retreat day (Friday, August 28th). Bring your book to school on the retreat day. Students are encouraged to add annotations, with sticky notes, so that they are prepared to engage in group discussions.
- Select **one book** to read from the list below. Complete a test on the book when you return to school.
    - *Jump Into the Sky* by Shelley Pearsall
    - *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Attached Math Packet for students who were in On-Track Math in 5th grade
- Attached Math Packet for students who were in Honors Math in 5th grade

Optional:

- Begin to earn some of the 10 service hours you will need to complete for the 2026-2027 school year
- Membean Training (1 point for every 15 minute training session)

Entering Seventh Grade

Required:

- Purchase and read the assigned book, *The Red Bandanna:* (Young Readers Adaptation) by Tom Rinaldi, and be prepared to discuss and complete activities and assignments on retreat day (first Friday when we return). Bring your book to school on the retreat day. Students are encouraged to add annotations, with sticky notes, so that they are prepared to engage in group discussions.
- Assigned Khan Academy Math Problems (problems will be released in thirds during June, July, and August)

Optional:

- Begin your science fair project so that you are ahead when you return in the fall
- Begin to earn some of the 10 service hours you will need to complete for the 2026-2027 school year
- Membean Training (1 point for every 15 minute training session)

Entering Eighth Grade

Required:

- Purchase and read the assigned book, *The Red Bandanna:* (Young Readers Adaptation) by Tom Rinaldi, and be prepared to discuss and complete activities and assignments on retreat day (first Friday when we return). Bring your book to school on the retreat day. Students are encouraged to add annotations, with sticky notes, so that they are prepared to engage in group discussions.
- Read the book *Legend* by Marie Lu. Be prepared to participate in class discussions when you return to school. Complete an exam on August 31, 2026.
- Complete the 8th grade Writing Assignment due on August 31, 2026
- Assigned Khan Academy Math Problems (problems will be released in thirds during June, July, and August)

Optional:

- Begin to earn some of the 10 service hours you will need to complete for the 2026-2027 school year
- Membean Training (1 point for every 15 minute training session)