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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 2017, lasting from June 19-August 3, 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 2017, our kindergarten-7th grade teachers and students will be setting summer reading goals and summer math goals together. Your child's goals for the summer months can be found inside the Summer CONNECT 2017 folder on the summer learning calendar of activities. Take some time to review these goals with your child as well as reflect on their progress over the summer!

Math and Literacy Game Nights

Over the summer months, District 105 will host a Math and Literacy Game Night at each elementary school. All families welcome at every school. These evenings 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:

- **Hodgkins School – July 10 (6:00-7:30)**
- **Spring Avenue / Gurrie – July 17 (6:00-7:30)**
- **Ideal School – July 25 (6:00-7:30)**
- **Seventh Avenue – August 2 (6:00-7:30)**

IXL Online Math Program (grades K-8)

All students in District 105 have an online account to IXL Math. Access will continue over the summer months. 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. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your child's progress! Visit www.ixl.com to get started!

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.

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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 2017 folder, you will find a calendar of literacy and math activities spanning June through August. New this year, these activities will be grade-level specific! These calendars will also be linked our district website under *Summer Learning For All*.

IMSA Fusion Sessions

We are excited to announce our continued partnership with the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) this summer! District 105 will offer Summer CONNECT Fusion, an enrichment program for Illinois students who are talented and motivated in math and science! During the summer, District 105 will host two IMSA Fusion sessions:

- **4th-5th grade – CSImsa - Forensics**
 Calling all forensic investigators! As part of this program, participants will work in teams to gather evidence as they unravel the science and mathematics behind crime scene clues like finger and footprints.
 - **Session #1: June 26-30 9:00-11:30**
 - **Session #2: July 24-28 9:00-11:30 (session #2 is a repeat of session #1)**

- **6th-8th grade – Twisted and Tangled: Making Sense of Your Senses**
 Explore how sensory information is used by humans to build an understanding and construct meaning. Examine how one’s sense can be tricked by our brains ability to “fill in” information.
 - **June 19-23 8:00-12:00**

Gurrie Summer Learning Sessions (incoming 7th and 8th grade students)

A variety of academic-related learning sessions (similar to the offerings in CONNECT 2016) will be available for our middle school students. These session offerings will be communicated to our 2017-18 Gurrie Middle School students and parents before year end.

All School Libraries Open over the Summer

Open Library sessions continue this summer at each building. Students can practice with IXL or TenMarks during Open Library sessions. Students may check out books at any District 105 library during any Open Library times listed below. Open Library will take place during the weeks of **June 19-August 3**:

Open Library Schedule, June 19 – August 3, 2017			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hodgkins (12:00-3:00)	Ideal (1:00-4:00)	Gurrie (12:15-3:15)	Ideal (1:00-4:00)
Spring Ave (1:00-4:00)		7 th Ave (1:00-4:00)	

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 2017** folder with more details around all our summer programming!

Thank you,
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