

Dear WMS Math Parents,

It has been a pleasure working with you and your children in math this year. Our students continue to make great progress in math and this is in no small part due to your support and hard work during the school year. We hope you have a great summer and are asking your family to make Tenmarks a part of your summer experiences.

Recent studies show that student performance in math dips significantly after taking two months off. To help alleviate this problem, we are asking students to complete 10 assignments on Tenmarks. These assignments are 10 questions each, for 100 total questions for the summer. The assignments are aligned with the Massachusetts Frameworks and emphasize the important topics or focus areas recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These assignments are review work from each grade level respectively, and hopefully will reinforce learning from the school year.

Tenmarks can be challenging and our assignments include several "Help" features. We modeled our summer after the regular work your child did during the school year, so hints, videos and a do-over are available to your students.

We have also differentiated for individual students by providing specific assignments designed to help them make progress in mathematics. Whether your child has the 10 assignments or an individualized program, it has been assigned and approved by your child's math teacher.

We hope that you will encourage your child to work on Tenmarks regularly, rather than waiting until the end of August. We are asking that students work on 1-2 assignments per week, which will keep their skills sharp throughout the summer. In fact, the website often shuts down late in August for maintenance, and, due to this timeframe, we are asking that summer work be completed by Sunday, August 20.

The school building is open and often busy for the summer. Hours will be made available for students to use Chromebooks, if you do not have computer or internet access at home. Please check for summer hours for math work on the school website and updates will be made with the all call messaging system.

If you have any questions about Summer Math, please feel free to contact Principal Curley bcurley@winthrop.k12.ma.us or Michael Kirby mkirby@winthrop.k12.ma.us

Thanks again for all that you do to support your child's learning. It is the children and families of Winthrop that make education in Winthrop so special and worthwhile.

Have a great summer!

Your Middle School Math Teachers