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Dear FBS Families,

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, we want to thank you for your partnership, support, and commitment to your child's growth and learning. We are incredibly proud of all that our students have accomplished this year!

While summer is a much-needed time for rest, fun, and family memories, it is also important to continue exercising the mind so that the progress made during the school year is not lost to the "summer slide." As the saying goes, "If you don't use it, you lose it!"

To help students stay sharp and confident for the upcoming school year, our teachers have thoughtfully prepared meaningful yet manageable summer work. We understand that schoolwork may not be at the top of every student's summer wish list, but even small amounts of consistent academic engagement can make a tremendous difference.

Research from the National Summer Learning Association and NWEA shows that students can lose significant academic progress over the summer months—particularly in reading and math—without regular practice and enrichment opportunities. In fact, studies suggest students may lose up to 20–30% of school-year gains during summer break if learning completely stops.

The good news is that the summer slide is preventable. Completing the assigned summer work, reading regularly, practicing math skills, exploring educational activities, and engaging in intentional learning for just 2–3 hours per week can help students maintain and even strengthen the skills they worked so hard to build this year. [You can find more information here and some ideas for home.](#)

Most importantly, we hope your summer is filled with joy, rest, adventure, and quality time together as a family. We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back for an outstanding 2026–2027 school year!

Blessings,

Susan Brooks

Do not forget to check out the Charleston County Library and join their Summer Reading Challenge. They have great incentives, and it is all done through an APP and easy to track. <https://www.ccpl.org/summeronline>

Summer Reading

Dear rising 5th grade students (and parents),

Reading is so important. Please read as much as you can this summer (above and beyond the requirement) because **it really does make you smarter.**

This summer, if you don't like a book you are reading, put it down and try a different book. [Parents and students, you can check out this list for book suggestions.](#) The books on this list are books that Mrs. Blalock likes or are books that were suggested by other 5th graders.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

Part I: Read *From the Crazy Mixedup Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg.

- This book is about Claudia Kincade and her brother Jamie who decide to run away from home - because home and school are boring!!
- Instead of running to the forest or to a friend's house, they decide to run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. While there, they sleep in the beds of kings and queens; gather coins from the fountains, so they can buy food; and ultimately discover a mystery!
- Claudia and Jamie work to solve the museum mystery before time runs out! Can they do it?

Assignment: Write a letter from one of the characters in the book to another character. So, you might write from Claudia to Jamie or from Jamie to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - the choice is yours!

Requirements:

1. Your letter should be handwritten and on notebook paper
2. The letter should be from one character to another character from the book
3. Your letter must be in the first person (use "I") and must reference three (3) details from the book.
4. Letters are due on the first day of school.

We will discuss *From the Crazy Mixed-Up Files* the first few weeks of school.

Part II: Read one book you have not already read. You can choose from [Mrs. Blalock's list](#) (click the link!) or choose a book that is not on the list. Remember to choose books that are fun and interesting to you!

Assignment:

Choose one of the below projects to complete (you have three choices). Click the link to see the project!

Option 1: [Playlist](#)

Option 2: [Art Project](#)

Option 3: [Creative Writing](#)

If you have any questions, please email me at blalockk@fbschool.org. Happy reading!

First Baptist Summer Math Requirement

Each student should complete a minimum of ten (10) IXL's listed below. Your goal is to complete one activity per week. This should not be done all at once and should be spread out throughout the summer. Please complete the skill even if it says you have already previously completed it during the school year. You should use a notebook or dry erase board to do your work.

1. Login to IXL with your account (This went home on the last day.)
 - a. If you are new, the office will send your account information
2. In the search bar type in the 3 letter/digit code and the skill will pop up
 - a. Do not type in the name of the skill. You must use the code given
3. Complete skill to at least 90%.

IXL Requirement: Each skill should be completed to 90%. If you struggle with this particular skill and spend more than 30 minutes in one sitting, stop and come back to it on another day. Be sure to read through the suggestions on IXL and if you are still struggling. IXL gives you the option at the bottom to watch a video or review the lesson.

IXL Assignment	Completion Date	Achievement Score	Difficulty- circle one
Code: 83P Place Value			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: JYY Add/subtract whole numbers: word problems			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: 76F Find the missing factor: multiplication to 12			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: E77 Number Patterns Mixed Review			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: GE8 Divide larger numbers by 1-digit numbers			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: CNC Add, Subtract, Multiply and Divide			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: 77Q Fractions and mixed numbers with denominators of 10 and 100			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: GAK Add and subtract fractions with like denominators using number line			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: UFR Place Value in decimal numbers			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: LTP Area and perimeter word problems			Easy, Medium, Hard

Extra practice: This is not required but highly recommended!

Code: A8R Add and Subtract money amounts			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: Z76 Multi Step word problems			Easy, Medium, Hard
Code: PCF Fractions Review			Easy, Medium, Hard

My child, _____, has completed his/her math requirement.

Parent signature: _____ Student signature: _____