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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>