Dear Students and Guardian(s),

According to numerous research, students lose about 2.6 months of learning in mathematics over the summer. Due to this phenomenon, also known as summer slide, and the impact from COVID-19 it is now more important than ever to keep Math skills sharp. Most importantly, researchers identify long-lasting effects from summer loss related to lower self-confidence, as well as success in school and college.

The Shelton Public School System in conjunction with guidance from the Commissioner of Education has put together a program that can be easily integrated into your summer plans. The program is designed to be developmentally appropriate for your student and we recommend scheduling time for your learner(s) to participate in this program.

The importance of spending time with family and enjoying the outdoors also provides valuable learning opportunities. Involvement in authentic experiences provides learners the opportunity to transfer knowledge beyond the classroom setting and vice versa. Many daily scenarios provide opportunities for problem solving and reasoning, such as estimating time and cost of travel, doubling ingredients in family recipes, planning and budgeting for home projects, probability in sports and playing board games.

Specific information can be found at www.sheltonpublicschools.org under the Teaching and Learning tab.

We hope that you will participate in this year’s summer math program and help our learners in maintaining and improving their math skills, as well as further develop their confidence in math during the summer.

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