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Dear East Lyme Parents and Guardians.

Welcome to the first day of summer! Let me first thank you for the support you have provided to our East Lyme students over the course of this year. It has taken a village. We are grateful to you for being partners in the work with us.

East Lyme Public Schools is excited to announce several summer learning opportunities for our East Lyme students. Our hope is to make this a summer of learning and a time for our students to connect with one other in a way that is flexible for your family. We will be focusing on three universal offerings for ALL East Lyme Public School students this summer: Summer Reading, Summer Math Challenge and Summer Technology Tools. We ask that you engage your child in one or all these opportunities over the summer as we believe that it will have a positive impact on them as a learner. Below are the benefits of each of these offerings:

Summer Reading

The benefits to readers in a summer reading program include:

- encouragement that reading become a lifelong habit.
- reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities.
- reading over the summer helps children keep their mastered literacy skills.
- the program can generate interest in the library and books.
- provides the opportunity for students to socialize and discuss book themes and lessons.

Summer Math Challenge

Math enhances students' problem solving and analytical skills. There are foundational math skills which need to be mastered to demonstrate growth and achievement for the next level of learning. By participating in the challenge, you can individualize your math skill development and become aware of yourself as a mathematical student.

Summer Technology Tools

While the applications and benefits of instructional technology vary widely, all the instructional technology that the district is supporting this summer helps to create engaging and effective learning experiences for our students. Each tool provides personalized feedback and individualized lessons for both English Language Arts and Mathematics skill proficiency. Instructional technology provides many benefits to the summer education process, including vetted access to self-directed instruction, more opportunities for collaboration, and better capabilities for meeting diverse learners' needs.

To learn more about each of these opportunities and register for in person events, please click on the link below.

East Lyme Public Schools Summer Learning

I wish you and your family an engaging summer filled with memories and endless learning.

Sincerely,

Amy Drowne