

To: All TCCS students in grades Kindergarten 4 through 11 and their parents/guardian
From: Dr. Douglas Allen, CEO
Re: Summer Reading and math Program 2020

Dear Families,

During the school year, one of our goals at TCCS is to provide educational opportunities for our students to develop and grow as independent and lifelong learners. We believe that as lifelong learners reading is an essential component that serves to stimulate, enrich and reinforce academic skills during the summer months. As the school year ends and summer vacation begins, we look forward to our parents' support and involvement in continuing to provide your child with learning opportunities that will enable them to achieve this goal. **All students who will enter grades Kindergarten 4 through 12th grade in August of 2020 will once again be required to complete math and reading assignments over the summer.**

Research has shown that students can lose up to two months of scholastic skills over the summer. It then takes teachers up to 6 weeks to bring students up to speed in the fall. Beginning at the middle school level, U.S. Students begin to lag behind the rest of the world in math. We need to prepare our students to ultimately compete in a global economy. Research has also shown that students who read and practice their math skills during the summer maintain the gains that they have made during the school year. These summer math and reading assignments are a significant part of our effort to better prepare your children to reach the standards established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

With that in mind, the intent of the Summer Math and Reading Program is to increase your child's reading and math comprehension to prepare them to return to school in the fall ready to move ahead at a faster pace and ultimately perform better on standardized tests such as the PSSA's and SAT's. Summer reading books are carefully chosen to integrate well with the English curriculum and they offer students high interest and a challenging yet reasonable reading level. Reading extra books is highly encouraged, especially for college bound students. Our goal is to get 100% of our students to fulfill this requirement and get the new school year off to a positive start.

Your children have been informed by their teachers as to the requirements of the Summer Reading and Math Program. These requirements will be sent home with each student. Extra copies of the requirements will be available in the office during regular business hours. Students are also encouraged to visit their local public library throughout the summer. Your child's knowledge and understanding of the books they have read and the math workbooks they will complete will be assessed at the beginning of the school year, **and the score of their assessment will impart 25% of the first grading period grade.**

If you have any questions, please talk with your child's current teacher or call my office at 484-3550. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas Allen, CEO