



Summer Assignments

Welcome to our Elementary 2 (E2) classroom community. We are looking forward to working with and sharing our educational studies with your children during the upcoming school year. We have planned a year full of challenging and interesting lessons, which we think will interest and inspire your children! We are excited about what promises to be a wonderful school year.

Parents frequently ask about summer homework. We, as Montessorians, value the experiences you give your children in your own family's summer activities, and we do not want to clutter your child's summer vacation with school demands; we will be very sparse in asking the children to do homework this summer.

Reading Assignment: We hope all of our students are growing in their love of reading. We have a fantastic classroom library with books of every interest, and we will be reading books together as a literary study this year. In preparation for that, this summer we ask that the fourth graders read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. The fifth graders will be reading *Holes*, written by Louis Sachar. We also ask that the children complete the attached Literature Circle Preparation Sheet for their group's assigned book and bring it with them the first day of school. This will prepare the students for in class discussion in a Literature Circle.

Math Assignment: As a functional skill, everyone does better with math studies if practice continues over time. This summer we would like both 4th and 5th year students to practice their math facts. Attached are 100 multiplication facts. If your child can get 80% of the 100 facts correct in 5 minutes, then we say that he or she has achieved mastery and there is then only need to practice occasionally. If not, then regular practice of multiplication facts is recommended. We will also give frequent quizzes on math facts during the school year. Short (5 minutes a day) practice every day is the best way to achieve mastery.

We hope you and your family have a joyful summer vacation and we eagerly await your family's presence in our E2 classroom community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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