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Dear Parents/Guardian:

This year has certainly presented us with challenges. We appreciate all that you have done to assist your child with distance learning. We are pleased to inform you that your child's i-Ready Instructional program memberships for reading AND math will continue throughout the summer and will expire on August 14th. We strongly recommend that you encourage your child to continue using the i-Ready program throughout the summer months. Fifteen minutes per day, three to four times per week for each subject will not only prevent your child from experiencing the "summer slide," but will also help continue to move your child forward.

The program can be accessed at [www.i-ready.com](http://www.i-ready.com). Each child has a unique login that they are familiar with, as they have been using it all year.

Additional information specific to math and reading will follow on the next page.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Thank you,

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### Summer Reading Information

In addition to the i-Ready program, select students in grades 4 and 5 have licenses to use Lexia for reading. If your child is enrolled in this program, they should continue to work towards their personal goals over the summer.

For students looking for something a little lighter, the app “World’s Worst Pet” is available free for use on iPads only. This app coordinates with the iReady system for students in grades 4-8 to develop vocabulary skills. The app uses gamification to teach new vocabulary in a fun and engaging way.



This year we will be using a  
**summer reading BINGO board**  
to encourage students to keep reading over the summer!

This is attached to this letter and will be posted on the NHRMS home page. Students should aim to complete a row to get BINGO. There are activities for all grade levels and all reading levels. Students should complete 4-5 boxes by reading a DIFFERENT book for each box. (For example – row 1 box 1 says “read a poem from a book of poetry then practice writing your own”. Box 2 says “go camping and read under the stars”. Reading a poetry book under the stars does not count as 2 boxes – students should read a separate book for each box. Students can keep track of their progress by checking off the boxes and writing their info on the back of the page. These will be turned in to your child’s Language Arts teacher in September.

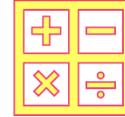
Students can use the on-line card catalog to search the NHRMS library collection. If you call the office, they can arrange a pick-up of library books over the summer. Additionally, the East Haddam library system will be open for curbside pickup. At this time, patrons need to call the library to reserve books but they expect to have an on-line reservation system in place by July.



For families without a printer, copies of the BINGO board will be available in the middle school lobby after July 1.



## Summer Math Information



Math is all around us!

Encourage your child to recognize and participate in activities that involve math. Have your child help you adjust a recipe, find the best deal at the grocery store, determine prices when there is a percentage off, help with a building project around the house, or figure out how much soil is needed for the garden bed. The options are endless.

The more our children see math and apply math to real world situations, the more they see the value of learning mathematics. It increases problem solving, numeracy, understanding and using shapes and measures, as well as developing their own spatial awareness.

The following resources are also available to your child:

### Packets:

- Summer math packets will be ready for pick up at the NHRMS the week of 6/25.

OR

### Online-recommended 60 minutes per week:

- All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders have i-Ready math accounts. It is highly recommended that students complete two lessons per week (approximately 25 minutes per lesson) to help them continue moving forward.
- All 4th graders have an IXL account.
- All 8th graders have an ALEKS account.
- All 6th-8th grade students have Khan Academy accounts.

AND

### Games:

- Math games are a great way to keep students engaged and practicing skills. There are many math websites that a Google search will pull up. Some favorites are listed below.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>  
<https://www.gregtangmath.com/games>  
<https://mrnussbaum.com/math/math-games>  
<https://www.arcademics.com/>  
<https://www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html>

### Fluency Practice:

<https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>

