

June 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

Greetings from your Netzapberg Elementary School fifth grade team! We are committed to providing your child with an engaging and challenging year of learning. We share your high expectations of a safe and nurturing environment, as well as, an enriching and rigorous curriculum that empowers your child to learn, grow and succeed.

To help your child maintain his or her academic skills throughout the summer break, we highly recommend your child continues to read, draw or journal. Encourage your child to share what he or she has read with you, a sibling or a friend. Seek opportunities for your child to apply his or her mathematics and reasoning skills in everyday activities, whether it is cooking, gardening or traveling. On the back of the letter we have provided many internet sites that could be used to prevent the “Summer Slide”.

Please explore our school website at <http://www.netz-es.eu.dodea.edu>. The site contains the most current information for both you and your student, including our school calendar, parent-student handbook, contact information and curriculum standards. With respect to supplies for the coming year, please refer to the attached supply list.

Most of all, we wish for you and your family a summer of exploration, relaxation and joy. We look forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team

How to prevent “summer slide”

Children fall behind an average of 2 months or 50 points on the SRI during the summer months, with these learning losses building up each summer. Students with access to books and math computation practice over the summer see significant reading and math gains come the fall!

Check out the summer reading program available at both base libraries! In addition, there are many apps and websites offering a wealth of online resources for summer learning.

EPIC: A comprehensive online library for kids ages 2 to 12. An APP is available for iPhone, iPad and desktop and families get access to thousands of books on all subject matters.

DRAGON DICTATION: Reluctant writers can speak into this APP for iPad and have their words magically translated into text to break through writer’s block and help students work on developing fluency in their writing.

BLUSTER: This APP is a word-matching game that helps develop vocabulary and word understanding by matching rhyming words, prefixes and suffixes, synonyms, homophones, and adjectives in between animated blizzards and hurricanes.

CALCULATION NATION (NCTM): A fun, web-based mathematical game for students
(<https://calculationnation.nctm.org/>)

READ WRITE THINK: Literacy resources for students K-6
(<http://www.readwritethink.org>)

SUMDOG: Educational games to motivate your child to do math, reading and writing. Parent progress reports are available for paid subscriptions.
(<https://www.sumdog.com/city#/subjects>) is a (math reading writing)

FRONT ROW: Great website for individualized math, ELA and social studies resources
(<https://www.frontrowed.com/>)

GALXYZ: Available for iPad and desktop, GALXYZ is the perfect app to keep kids ages 6 to 11 engaged in science this summer by using compelling stories and adventure games to foster problem solving skills and an interest in science.