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Dear Lower School Parents,

This summer, we will be using online resources for our students' math review and practice. Several sites have been researched and a list has been compiled which includes a site to subscribe to as well as some free websites. All of these will allow students in grades K-6 to practice their math facts and skills during the summer months at their own pace. Please know that the list only includes websites not currently used as whole class instruction with our curriculum.

The website for subscription is: www.firstinmath.com. This website uses interactive activities and game play to develop and reinforce basic skills in math. Children can proceed at their own pace – mastering facts and increasing problem solving, critical thinking, computation, and pattern recognition skills. Each child who subscribes will receive his/her own user ID and password. This is a web-based program so it is easy to use from home, there is no software to install, and it can be accessed from a PC or a Mac. Parents can log in as a visitor to learn more about the website. As long as you have Internet access, your child may access the website. The subscription cost for this website is \$30, but as you will see below, there are many other free options.

The free websites are listed below and will be posted on our website. Please remember that these are only suggestions. Feel free to use other math sites that your child may already use at home for practice and review.

www.funbrain.com

Free games to reinforce math facts and language arts K-8

www.coolmath4kids.com

Free math games and lessons

www.mathplayground.com

Free animated lessons, games, word problems, logic puzzles, math videos.

<http://mason.gmu.edu/~mmankus/Handson/manipulatives.htm>

Free homemade math manipulatives

Thank you for your continued support of our math and technology curriculum. In whatever way your child decides to practice math skills during the summer, please remember to use the online math log that can be found on the school's website. I hope that your child has fun online practicing his/her skills this summer.

Sincerely,
Sandy Elliott
Technology Teacher