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Dear Parents,

Summer has arrived! The long vacation provides an opportunity for students to take a break from structured classroom learning. At Maimonides School we believe that in addition to the other activities in which our children are engaged during the summer, reading for pleasure, math practice, and studying the weekly *parsha* are valuable ways for children to spend their time.

Summer skills activities and reading lists for both General Studies and *Limudei Kodesh* can be found at [http://www.maimonides.org/ES\\_summerskills](http://www.maimonides.org/ES_summerskills). They include the following items:

- 1) Summer English reading is required for students in grades 1-5. Students may select any books they wish. Students in grades 3-5 are advised to read at least 2 fiction and 2 nonfiction books.

The Elementary School summer reading list includes many recommended books in a variety of genres and at a wide range of readability levels. Feel free to consult it as a guide for children's literature selection both for summertime and throughout the year.

A reading log is also included, and should be completed and returned to school on the first day.

- 2) *Limudei Kodesh* summer skills practice is optional, but highly encouraged, for students entering grades 1-5. There will be special recognition for all students who complete all or part of the *Limudei Kodesh* summer assignments. At the end of the summer, please check the assignments your child has finished and sign the sheet to be returned to your child's *Limudei Kodesh* teacher.
- 3) *Ivrit* summer reading is recommended for all students. Any Hebrew books or magazines you can find will be useful for practice and skill maintenance.
- 4) SUMMer Math newsletters are provided for students entering grades K-5. These summer math activities are highly recommended.  
FASTTMath is required for students entering Grades 3-5.

The following are some additional online resources, in both English and Hebrew, for students who wish to review *Limudei Kodesh* material over the summer:

[www.aish.org](http://www.aish.org)

[www.aish.com/hebrew](http://www.aish.com/hebrew)

[www.mibereshit.org](http://www.mibereshit.org)

[www.galim.org.il](http://www.galim.org.il)

[www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

[www.j.co.il/index.asp](http://www.j.co.il/index.asp)

[www.torahtots.com](http://www.torahtots.com)

[www.akhlah.com/aleph bet](http://www.akhlah.com/aleph bet)

[www.ou.org](http://www.ou.org)

<https://sites.google.com/site/hagit1954/>

Please help your child read over this information to make sure the expectations are clear. Your child may need help in planning how to accomplish his/her goals for summer skills practice.

Sincerely yours,

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