

Entering 4th, 5th, and 6th Required Summer Work

Reading-Required

- 60 minutes of Moby Max Vocabulary (10 min. per week)
- 120 minutes of Moby Max Reading Skills Literature (20 min. per week)
- A grade will be issued for these assignments in the 1st week of the new school year.

Math-Required

- 60 minutes of Moby Max Math Fact Fluency (10 minutes per week)
- 120 minutes of Moby Max Math (20 minutes per week)
 - A grade will be issued for the completion of this work in the 1st quarter.
 - For every 10 minutes of math beyond the required amount a bonus point will be issued, up to 10 bonus points.

For issues with Moby Max (log in issues, need a username) or math related questions please contact Heather Romero at hromero@hbcsni.org.

Reading-Optional

Students entering 4th - 6th grades will be given an **optional book to read** over the summer. Students will be allowed to use their book as their first fiction reading room grade for the first nine week period. They will also be given **5 bonus points** if they successfully pass the test.

Fourth Grade- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Fifth Grade- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

Sixth Grade- *The Best School Year Ever* by Barbara Robinson

History-Optional

Visit DOGO News. It presents current events and news in a fun and easy way for kids to understand.

Science-Optional

- Science Bob is a cool website with instructions for all sorts of cool science experiments to keep your kids engaged. <https://sciencebob.com/category/science-qa/>
- Elearning for kids can be used for science and math. Simply choose the portal from the home screen. <https://www.e-learningforkids.org/>

Here are a few creative ways to encourage kids to read:

- Have an electronics-free hour each day when everyone reads
- Encourage kids to research fun topics they want to learn about
- Take turns reading pages aloud with a child
- Challenge children to a summer read-a-thon with small rewards or prizes for each book read or for reaching a certain number of books read
- Remind kids to consider nonfiction books when learning how to do something new such as building a birdhouse, sewing, fixing a car, or caring for animals, among other fun and useful skills
- Add writing practice to the reading and other learning activities by asking children to write about what they learned each week.

Ways a Parent Can Help With Math

- Look for shapes and patterns in real life.
- Have your child measure ingredients.
- Ask your child to explain what he or she is working on in math.
- Ask your child to explain how they got the answer to a math problem.
- Help your child find some appropriate number and problem solving games to play online.
- Play board or card games that involve counting patterns.
- Ask your child to count change or estimate the total cost while shopping.
- Compare which is the tallest?
 - ...the heaviest?, ...the longest?,...the smallest?,...the fastest?,...the hottest?,...the most expensive?
- Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, or a measuring tape to use around your home.
- Encourage your child to track or graph stats for a favorite sports team.
- Use dice or cards to make a game out of practicing math facts.

Things parents can do to help their children while at home this summer:

- Set up a daily family routine, including healthy eating and sleeping habits
- Talk each day with your child about his/her activities
- Promote literacy by reading to your child and by reading yourself
- Limit and monitor TV watching, gaming, social media and computer time
- Express high expectations and standards for your child's learning
- Tap into community resources with visits to a library, museum, zoo or theater and encourage participation in after-school clubs, sports and art activities
- When the opportunity arises, talk to your child about historical and current events.