



Dear OCRS Families,

Did you know that if students stop learning during the summer, they can lose more than two months of learning in reading and math? This is called summer learning loss and it occurs when students forget what they learned over the school year. Students who consistently fall behind due to summer learning loss throughout their elementary school years could wind up falling more than 2.5 years behind their peers by the end of fifth grade.

Ways to support your child's summer learning experience:

- Encourage your child to read **every day** and practice math using Freckle!
 - Click [here](#) to log in to Freckle. (Available until **8/14**)
 - <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/10192>
 - Reach out to technosps@smithfield-ps.org or support@freckle.com if you have questions or difficulties logging in.
- Remind your child to write down the books they read and what they practice in Freckle on the calendar they received at school.
- See the [Smithfield Summer Learning Guide](#) for additional summer learning opportunities including public library summer programs and recommended summer reading lists.
 - <https://www.smithfield-ps.org/page/summer-learning-guide>

At the end of the summer, families can use [this form](#) (<https://bit.ly/ocrsummer22>) to indicate which summer learning activities were completed. All students who complete summer work will be invited to a celebration at their school this fall! We hope you will join us by supporting and cheering on your student as they strive to meet his or her summer goals! Please share the excitement with other parents, too!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sara Monaco and the elementary principals