

Dear Parents,

As summer begins it is a proven fact that students who do not continue to practice math skills over the summer can lose as much as 50% retention of the skills they learned during the school year. Many parents have asked me what they can do to avoid this happening and to help their child be better prepared to tackle the new set of skills they will learn when school begins in August. An excellent resource that can be purchased, is the Summer Math Skills Sharpener by Scholastic. Activities in the booklet review skills your child has learned in the year that just ended and are designed to be used 3 to 5 days per week. The activities only take about 20 minutes to complete and ensure that a variety of concepts are reviewed over the course of the summer. These books can be purchased for \$18.00 by going to the summerskills.com website. When ordering, choose the booklet that is **for the grade your child just finished**. There are pages in the back of the book that provide a place for parents to initial as the work is completed. They also provide an answer key that demonstrates how to work out the problems. This is optional for students to participate in, but well worth the money in helping your child be prepared for the start of the new school year. If you decide to have your child complete the booklet, they are asked to bring the completed booklet with them on the first day of school as we plan a special lunch for those students who complete the program. Thanks in advance for considering this resource to support your child's Math Skills. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and stay healthy!

Blessings,

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