

June 5, 2019

Dear Parents of Rising 5th Graders:

Summer is a time for vacations at the beach, playing with friends, sleeping in late, AND helping your children maintain their academic skills! Between the end of one school year and the start of the next every student risks summer learning loss. In order to prevent this "summer slide," there are many avenues that a family may take to maintain and strengthen skills over the summer.

In addition to daily reading, the **Reflex** online math program will be available to students throughout the summer. We recommend that students continue working on this program several days each week until they have 100% mastery. At that point, students may sign up for **Dreambox**. This is another good online math program to which Highland subscribes.

Parents can contact Angelique McCray, MS Learning Support Teacher at amccray@highlandschool.org, or Sara Cooper, Assistant to the Lower School Director at scooper@highlandschool.org to sign up for **Reflex** or **Dreambox**.

Your child's teacher may also make recommendations for specific reading and math skills to work on over the summer. Our hope is that students will enter Middle School feeling excited, confident, and ready for the next steps in their school careers.

Have a great summer!

Lise Hicklin and Matt Ormiston

Lower School and Middle School Directors