

June 18, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing with regard to summer work that is required for all students entering Central Middle School in the 2009-2010 school year. Please let this note serve as an introduction to the requirements. We have “gone paperless” this year. Therefore, we are not copying reading lists, math packets and explanations as to what the students have to do over the summer and distributing them on the last days of school. Everything will be posted on our school website. If you do not have internet access kindly contact my office and arrangements will be made to have the necessary information mailed to you.

Summer work is required for mathematics classes and reading/language arts classes. For mathematics classes the students are required to complete a “math packet.” For reading and language arts classes students are required to read a certain number of books which varies by grade. In September the teachers will give the students assignments based on the books that were read. The math packet and the writing assignments carry differing degrees of “weight” in the various teachers’ grading systems. Therefore, the summer work is not optional. The work will be graded/checked by the teacher and it will count toward the first marking period grade.

Please visit [www.longhill.org](http://www.longhill.org) and click on Central School on the left. On the Central site you will find a folder on the left side called “Summer Work.” As of Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, that folder will contain explanations and links to web pages broken down by grade and subject which will explain the various requirements.

If you have not already signed up to receive email updates *on the Central website* please do so. This is very important particularly for parents of incoming sixth graders. Over the summer I will use this portal as a means of communication regarding the receipt of NJASK scores and other vital information.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all about the summer work or about any other issue. Email is the best means of contact for me. I wish you all a restful, safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,  
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