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Dear Parents,

For many years now, we have been using “Summer Math Skills Sharpener” to help our students review and practice math over the summer. This weekly practice booklet is a great tool to keep math skills firm and we have less review to do in the fall. As with summer reading, we feel that it is important for children to continue practicing skills they have learned to keep them feeling confident and prepared for the next level.

Please read the “Instructions for Parents” at the beginning of the booklet to get a clear understanding about how this program works best to provide plenty of practice and reinforcement of math throughout the summer. As the book explains, it is a good idea to spread the work out over the summer days in order to practice on a more regular basis. We have “test run” this program with a typical WMS UE student over a summer, and know that 15-20 minutes, 3 days a week is ideal to receive the full benefit from this work.

Please note, “Check answers immediately for optimal feedback.” Answer sheets are located in the back of the book. This helps to ensure that any mistakes are not being repeated as work progresses. There are several concepts that have not yet been presented to the students. All the calculator skill problems and all the division problems with two digits in the divisors (ex. 627 divided by 23 where 23 is the 2 digit divisor) should be skipped. Please have your child bring the completed booklet with them on the first day of school.

The instructions for summer reading and the reading lists can be found on the WMS website and will also be taped onto the first page of the math booklet. We shall be sending the booklets and summer reading lists home with the children on Wednesday, June 10th. It’s not always easy to weave vacation time and work together, and we appreciate your support with the summer reading list and this math review program.

Thank you,

Jane, Jennifer, Kathy, Emily & Diana