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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

How exciting to be entering the 7th grade! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to seventh grade. Your 7th grade year is essential in terms of determining high school eligibility. Starting at the beginning of the year, students' grades, test scores, behavior, and attendance determine which high schools you are eligible to apply to. Our expectations for conduct and standards for academic growth are high. With your participation in and out of the classroom we are looking forward to a highly productive, creative, rewarding year together.

Additionally, Google Classroom is an integral part of each student's daily routine. Students are responsible for checking their email and Google Classroom for announcements, assignments, and pertinent information throughout the summer and daily during the school year.

To prepare you for 7th grade, we have provided a list of suggested learning activities that will help students maintain and develop skills and continue learning over the summer. #StayCardinalStrong

Students are asked to bring the following supplies and fee on the first day of school:

Face Mask Required Daily	
Turn in to Teacher	Keep in Locker / Backpack
3 boxes of tissue	calculator
2 rolls of paper towels	8 composition notebooks
4 bottle of hand sanitizer	5 folders
4 Clorox/Lysol Wipes	one pair of earphones
1 pack of graph paper	pens (black, blue, red)
1 pack of white printer paper	pencils and pencil sharpener
10 pads of Post-its notes (3x3in)	2 Scotch tapes
Uniform (Grey polo, Black/Navy Blue pants)	1 pack of markers
4 glue sticks	1 pack of colored pencils
\$40 student Fee	2 packs of Post-it Flag Tabs

We believe that a good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between families, students, and teachers and communication is key. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Ms. Sanchez at masanchez14@cps.edu, Mr. Thigpen at jathigpen@cps.edu, Mrs. Morahan at knehrenberg@cps.edu, Ms. Copre at ccopre@cps.edu, Mr. Deahl at padeahl@cps.edu, or Ms. Dunipace at aldunipace@cps.edu.

Suggested Learning Activities to Continue Learning Over the Summer

Language Arts (Reading/Writing)

- Read 20+ min. each day (novels, articles, biographies, memoirs, etc.)
- Write and/or talk about your favorite part in your book
- Read the newspaper, online articles, etc.
- Write stories, poems, songs, summaries of what you read, etc.
- Create comic strips
- Draw your favorite scene for a story you read
- Record your favorite quotes for something you read or heard
- Work on IXL Language Arts (vocabulary, reading strategies, writing strategies, grammar & mechanics) Diagnostic Recommended Skills
- Achieve3000 articles and activities
- Flocabulary Lessons

Math

- Work on IXL Math (fractions, algebra & algebraic thinking, numbers & operations, geometry, measurements, data, statistics, and probability)
 - Diagnostic Recommended Skills
- Continue Prodigy levels in Math

Science

- Conduct science experiments and demonstrations
 - <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project-ideas/seventh-grade>
 - <https://www.weareteachers.com/7th-grade-science-projects/>
- Conduct independent research on interested science related topics
- Read science related articles on Achieve3000, Newsela, and Science News for Students

Social Studies (Current Events)

- Stay up on Current Events throughout the summer
 - Read the news online or newspaper, think about the main idea, summarize the story, and discuss what you learned with a friend or family member.
- Work on IXL Social Studies Skills
 - H.JJ.1-3, J.E.1-5, and J.K.1-3

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LOOKING FOR A BOOK? Chicago Public Schools Virtual Library https://library.cps.edu/index.php?loc_id=1
2021 SUMMER SUGGESTED READING LIST

● <i>The Golden Compass</i> by Phillip Pullman (930L)	● <i>Slam!</i> by Walter Dean Myers (750L)
● <i>Tangerine</i> by Edward Bloor (680L)	● <i>COUNTING BY 7s</i> by Holly Goldberg Sloan (770)
● <i>The Giver</i> by Louis Lowry (760L)	● <i>Wringer</i> by Jerry Spinelli (690L)
● <i>StarGirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli (590L)	● <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)
● <i>So B. It</i> by Sarah Weeks (860L)	● <i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London (990L)
● <i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson (780L)	● <i>Fever 1793</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson (580L)
● <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor (920L)	● <i>Artemis Fowl</i> by Eoin Colfer (930L)
● <i>And Then There Were None</i> by Agatha Christie (570L)	● <i>I am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai (1000L)
● <i>Out of My Mind</i> by Draper, Sharon M.(700)	● <i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis (630L)
● <i>Love, Aubrey</i> by Suzanne LaFleur (570L)	● <i>Wonder</i> by R.L. Palacio (790L)
● <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith (810L)	● <i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Sharon Creech (770L)

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 30, 2021!!!