

# Pine Grove Elementary School

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Dear PGE Families,

We encourage all students to continue learning this summer by completing the activities described below. Developing a summer routine where students spend time every day reading or practicing mathematics will develop good habits, enhance academic skills, and deter boredom. A routine that includes the learning activities below will also help prevent the “summer slide” in which children may lose up to two months of academic learning over the summer months. The *Pine Grove Summer Reading Challenge* provides choice for students to promote reading for enjoyment. Students who complete the *Summer Reading Challenge* and submit their activities to homeroom teachers in September will be invited to a reading celebration in the fall. Online learning is also available in reading through the *i-Ready* program and in mathematics through *DreamBox*.

Developing positive virtues and social skills is an integral part of learning that we know families will continue to develop this summer. See the *Climate* section below if you would like to submit photographs of positive virtues in action!

Enjoy this long summer break and use the activities below to keep your minds sharp!

Sincerely,



Diane Richmond  
Principal

## READING

### **Pine Grove Summer Reading Challenge**

Reading continues to be a top priority for our students and summer provides the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich. Again this summer, students are asked to participate in the Pine Grove Summer Reading Challenge by reading four books of various genres and completing activities based on what students will be learning in the upcoming school year. A parent letter and packet will be sent home with each student on June 5, 2017. Booklists and activities are due by Friday, September 15. If your child enjoys participating in the Baltimore County Public Library SNEAKS program, please continue. The books you read for the PGE Summer Reading Challenge can be used for both programs. Happy Reading!

### **i-Ready**

Keep the momentum going over summer vacation with i-Ready! Students entering grades 2-6 can continue their learning over the summer using their personalized learning pathways in i-Ready. They just need a computer, Internet access, and Adobe Flash Player. To check if your system meets i-Ready requirements, please visit [i-ready.com/support](http://i-ready.com/support). All PGE students can access i-Ready by logging on BCPS One, clicking Digital Content, and selecting i-Ready.

## MATH

Math is everywhere! Let's prevent the math summer slide. We are encouraging our students to continue completing lessons on DreamBox this summer. Just 60 – 90 minutes a week of working independently, without pencil-paper on tasks will give students confidence and build their problem solving and mental math skills. Students are very familiar with how to gain access via



BCPSOne. The Math Office has provided the following link for summer practice:

<http://www.bcps.org/academics/math/summerMath.html>. It includes information on DreamBox, basic fact fluency, skills practice, and literacy in mathematics for the grade level your child will be entering in the fall. There are calendars available to keep track of your child's progress on the website. We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating with the students in the fall.

## CLIMATE

**When given a choice... choose kind! – R.J. Palacio**

We have worked very hard to learn and demonstrate virtues this school year. We would love to see our students continue to show how they can incorporate these virtues into the community. Demonstrating these virtues inspires and encourages children to develop intrinsic motivations, which creates a positive school environment.

We invite you to snap a picture of your child (and even your entire family) demonstrating any of our school virtues during the summer break.

Responsibility	Courtesy	Thankfulness	Caring	Respect
Honesty	Perseverance	Cooperation	Self-Control	Helpfulness

If you wish to participate, please send your photo(s) to Aryka Benz ([abenz@bcps.org](mailto:abenz@bcps.org)) and Erika Conn ([econn2@bcps.org](mailto:econn2@bcps.org)) if you would like your photo story to be shared on the morning announcements.

*Disclaimer:* By submitting a picture to PGE, you give permission for PGE to share your photos within the school community. PGE will utilize the Baltimore County Public Schools Telecommunication Acceptable Use Policy. In order to promote telecommunication safety and privacy, please only include your PGE child and/or family. Some photos will be shared on our morning announcements and through the PGE Yearbook. When submitting names, only first name and last initial will be used.

Students may also make a poster or scrapbook page of a virtue they demonstrated over the summer. Students may bring their virtue posters to school during the first week.