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Dear Six to Six Parents and Families:

Children's progress in math and literacy is highly dependent on their continued use of their math, reading, and writing skills over the summer.

This year Six to Six Magnet School will once again participate in the Connecticut Reads Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The theme of the reading challenge this year is "Build a Better World." In order to participate in the challenge, students will be asked to hand in the "Summer Reading Journal" which will include every title the student read over the summer as well as a short response identifying their favorite book, at the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Below you will find the minimum reading requirements for each grade level although we encourage students to read as much as possible!

Exiting Kindergarten: minimum of 15 books	Exiting 1 st Grade: minimum of 15 books
Exiting 2 nd Grade: minimum of 15 books	Exiting 3 rd Grade: minimum of 10 books
Exiting 4 th Grade: minimum of 10 books	Exiting 5 th Grade: minimum of 10 books
Exiting 6 th Grade: minimum of 6 books	Exiting 7 th Grade: minimum of 6 books

For summer math practice, students will once again receive a calendar of activities to reinforce math skills learned throughout the year. In addition, your child will continue to have access to IXL, an online math website. This year, students entering grades 1 through 8 have access to Xtramath, an online basic fluency facts program. It is important that they practice the math skills they had learned over the past year and master their basic math facts. On the school website you will also find math games that your child has played throughout the year. These games are a fun and different way for students to practice their math skills.

Attached to this letter you will find a copy of the summer reading journal and math calendars. Recommended reading book lists, extra reading journals, extra math calendars, and math games will be available on our website: www.ces.k12.ct.us for you to print if needed. To access these resources click on the Six to Six tab at the top of the webpage under "Schools and Programs." Then click on the "Summer" tab on the left hand side.

As an additional incentive, and to begin our school year as a community of readers and mathematicians, the Bridgeport Bluefish will give out **complimentary tickets** to students who complete the summer reading and math requirements. We will attend a game held in **mid-September**. Students will be recognized for their accomplishments with an on-field parade and a public address! Please encourage your child to read and complete their math packets over the summer in order to participate in this exciting activity! We would love to have as many students, families, and staff members together to celebrate as possible!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the main office over the summer. Thank you in advance for your support in fostering a love of reading and math in your child all year long!

Sincerely,

The Six to Six Literacy and Math Team