

Bridge to 3rd

Dear Parents,

At Legacy, we believe summer is a time for swimming, relaxing, playing with friends and vacationing. However, during the elementary school years, it is critical that foundational skills such as reading, writing, and math be practiced continuously throughout the summer in order to retain learning. To accomplish this, we post Summer Bridge packets on our website to guide you.

Each Summer Bridge Packet is designed by the Legacy teaching staff with skills specifically designed to "bridge" the summer between each grade level. Although the work is not mandatory, your child will have a tremendous advantage because of skills that are mastered and reinforced through summer practice. Thank you for partnering with us to inspire your children to become college-worthy, character witnesses for Christ.

If you would rather purchase a summer packet we recommend www.summerskills.com. If your student did well academically during this past school year, we recommend purchasing the grade they will be going into for the fall. For ex. *My son just finished 1st grade. I will purchase the book that says "Completed 2nd Grade" for both LA and Math.* You can look at the samples on the website and decide what will be best for your student. Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy

Reading Log

Find three days each week for your child to spend at least 30 minutes reading independently. Having students read both silently and aloud will develop their fluency, as well as comprehension. Choose chapter books that are on your child's level (see their end of year DRA level). Go to www.arbookfind.com to determine book levels.

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Summer Journal



Create a summer journal for your child using a wide ruled spiral notebook or composition notebook. Journaling twice per week is recommended. Encourage your child to begin each sentence with a capital letter, leave a finger space between words, spell words they know correctly, and end each sentence with correct punctuation. This is also a great opportunity to work on neat handwriting.

Your child may journal about any topic that interests them. Journals will be returned to students. What a fun memento from the summer they will have! Here are some suggestions for writing prompts:

- 1. Who is your favorite famous person? What do you like about him or her and would you like to do what he or she does when you grow up? Why?
- 2. If you could be a character in any book or movie who would it be? What would you do differently and what would you do the same as the character? Why?
- 3. What is your favorite thing to do during the summer? Is it camp? Vacation? Hanging out in the house? Why do you like it so much?
- 4. What do you think your parents were like when they were your age? Do you think they were the same as you or different from you? Would you and your parents have been friends?
- 5. What is the scariest thing that's ever happened to you? Why was it so scary and how did you get away from it?
- 6. How big is your family? Talk a little bit about everybody from your family: brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, uncles. Talk about everybody!
- 7. What is your favorite subject in school? Do you like reading the most? Math? Science? Talk about that subject and why you like it so much.
- 8. Talk about a fun thing you did with your friends or family. Write about the day from the time you woke up to the time you went to sleep. What did you like so much about it?
- 9. What do you think is the best way to help out in your town? How could you make things better for everybody else? Write about how even one person can make a difference.
- 10. If you had to write a book what would it be about? Talk about some of the characters from the book and what they would be doing.

Fact Practice Log



Have your student log in to their Reflex Math account from last year and play until they get 20 green lights. Green light sessions must be between May 23 and July 20.

Or, have your student spend ten minutes a day, two days per week practicing their addition (0 - 10), subtraction (subtract 0 - 10 from 21 and below), and/or multiplication (1s, 2s, 5s, 10s) facts. This can be done any way that you'd like (flash cards, oral practice, online math games, written problems, etc.). Log your student's practice in the Fact Practice Log. The following sites have math games to make practice more fun:

- All Grade Level Math Skills www.multiplication.com
- Subtracting to Win a Million http://www.guia.com/rr/10279.html
- Subtraction machine http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/subtractiontest.html
- Single-Digit Subtraction Game http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/SumSense/sumsub.html
- Who Wants to be a Mathionaire? (addition facts game) http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/mathionaire-addition-quiz.html
- Basic Facts Math Quizzes http://www.kidzone.ws/math/quiz.html

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Supplemental Math Practice



Choose any style of learning that you feel your child will enjoy. Bridge books can be found at Amazon, Lakeshore Learning, Walmart, etc. Online games are also a fun tool.