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Dear Families of Entering 5th Grade Learners:

Reflecting on the past school year, we want to acknowledge the progress that our learners have made and provide them with opportunities to continue to grow during the summer months. Mineola Middle School is offering summer enrichment activities as an option for families to support their child in strengthening skills that will help them transition into 5th grade. Specifically, if your child chooses to complete the activities, they will work to develop their reading, writing and math skills to enrich their learning experience for the upcoming academic year.

All learners have access to their school-issued iPads throughout the summer months if they decide to complete the summer enrichment assignments.

To continue to develop as readers and writers, Learners in grade 5 will be reading **Matilda** by Roald Dahl. In order to increase learner engagement with the text, learners can complete an optional Application of Knowledge Assessment (AKA) where they can choose the way in which they respond to the question prompt. The AKA provides learners with an opportunity to creatively demonstrate their understanding of concepts, themes, skills and specific content. An E-copy of the suggested title is linked below:

[Matilda](#) by Roald Dahl

[Matilda \(SPANISH version\)](#)

[Click here to access the Application of Knowledge Assessment](#)

We are also suggesting that learners continue to use Lexia and self-select interesting books that they can read independently. To help guide their selection, here are a few resources made available through the Middle School Library and Mineola Public Library:

[Mineola Middle School Library](#) – 200 plus audio and eBooks, learners login with their MS library account

[Mineola Public Library](#) – visit in person to check out books and their Summer Reading Program

[Nassau Digital Doorway](#) – Login with your public library card to access hundreds of audio and eBooks

[SORA Ebook app](#) – additional eBooks, learners login in with their Mineola Google email

Additionally learners also have the opportunity to sharpen their math skills during the summer months. Learners can choose to complete assignments that target skills that will prepare them for the upcoming school year using Khan Academy. While engaging with the “**Get Ready for 5th Grade**” activities on Khan, learners will be provided with personalized support through the online platform to assist them with the skills that they have not yet mastered.

[Click here to access Math Enrichment Assignment](#)

All assignments are optional and we will celebrate learners for the completion of assignments at our first MMS PRIDE Assembly where learners who have dedicated their time to sharpening their math, reading and writing skills will receive a GOLDEN PRIDE Card for each completed assignment. The golden pride card will be entered into a special raffle and drawn during the assembly. We are very excited about these summer learning activities and strongly encourage all of our learners to take advantage of these opportunities.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me at rstephenson@mineola.k12.ny.us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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