



June 2025

Dear Voluntown Elementary School Families,

I cannot believe that the 24-25 school year has come to an end!! I am amazed at our students' academic, physical, and social/emotional growth this year!

Many families and students have expressed an interest in finding ways to encourage their children to continue reading, writing, and math growth throughout the summer. Below, you will find information on the 2025 Governor's Reading Challenge and Commissioner's Math Challenge to encourage students to continue to learn throughout the summer! Limiting the amount of electronic screen time is helpful as well. It allows for more social and physical interactions amongst their siblings, peers, and you!

One of the most important habits you can nurture in your child is encouraging them to read, whether books or magazines. Summer reading should be fun and relaxing for young and adolescent readers. Mrs. Davis, our new Reading Integration Teacher (Library), is hosting the 2025 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, in conjunction with our Town Public Library, to encourage children to read over the summer, which can be accessed at the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/sde/ctread/connecticut-reads>. On the site, you can find a message to parents and students, additional reading journals, student certificates, and suggested summer reading lists for grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Information has been sent home with your child(ren) and a reading journal to keep track of the books read over the summer weeks (hopefully it is made available by their last day of school). New to grades 5-8 have also been provided a specific reading assignment for this summer. The Voluntown Public Library is a great resource for summertime fun!

CSDE also launched the Commissioner's 2025 Summer Math Challenge, **Level Up**, a free math skills maintenance program for students, which can be accessed at the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/sde/math/summer-math-challenge>. (K-6 students have also received this in paper form.) On this site, you can find a message for parents and students, a link to register your child(ren) for the challenge, a K-8 summer math log, and other fun activities! Please return your summer work for reading and math to your homeroom teacher during the first week of school this Fall.

Homeroom placements and bus schedules will be provided in mid-late August once we finalize our new enrollments and classroom teaching assignments. Keep up with summer info on Instagram and Facebook!

Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us during the 2024-2025 school year. I am sure they will have many memories and adventures over the summer that will be shared with us this Fall!

Join us on Tuesday, August 26th from 2-3pm for Popsicles on the Playground with our VES Faculty and Staff, PTO and YSB!

School resumes on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**. I hope you all have a wonderful, safe, relaxing summer!

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