



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Don't let your child lose his or her hard-earned math skills this summer! Studies have shown that students can lose some of what is learned in the current school year during summer vacation.

The incoming seventh and eighth graders will be using Khan Academy this summer. Khan Academy is an online program that offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. Their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps.

We are requiring that students use Khan Academy for an hour each week, totaling 10 hours for the summer. We do recommend that students do the 10 hours gradually over the summer. However, we do realize that some students may be on a vacation trip where there is no internet access and they may do more than one hour in the weeks before or after the vacation trip.

We will monitor your child's progress over the summer, and if needed, make recommendations or suggestions on focus areas. Participation in Khan Academy will count as a quiz grade for the first quarter in math and the 10 hours will be due on Thursday, September 1, 2016.

How to join Ms. Oliver's Khan Academy Class:

1. Sign up at **khanacademy.org**. You should click "sign up" and "create an account using an email." Once prompted, the username should be your child's first initial, last name, followed by OLA (example: moliverOLA). Make sure you write down the password so you don't forget.
2. Visit **khanacademy.org/coaches**. (This is the "Coaches" tab in your child's profile).
3. In the "Add a Coach" field, enter the following class code based on the grade your child will be entering in the fall.

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade class code: 8EE2M5

Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade class code: Q2TBFD

4. Your child is all set to begin practice problems!

We hope you have a wonderful summer!

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