

Dear West Brook 6th Grade Families,

With the 2018-2019 school year coming to a close, and summer about to begin, it can be hard to believe that the 2019-2020 school year is looming right around the corner. Many parents ask: "What workbook can I purchase for my child to work on math over the summer?" It is wonderful to hear that families want to sharpen math skills, just as we keep up with reading over the summer to avoid the "summer slide." We would like to provide you with a fun and easy (and free!) way to get our learners thinking as mathematicians over the summer!

The 6th grade teachers are excited to host the first ever  
**West Brook Khan Academy Summer Challenge!**

Some background for those who are unfamiliar with Khan Academy: Khan Academy is a free online resource that allows students to learn anytime, anywhere, with material that is uniquely appropriate for them. Students can strengthen their skills by doing practice problems and tutorials. As students learn, their activity feeds into reports that show important information such as strengths and weaknesses in a particular concept. By using Khan Academy, the 6th grade teachers will be able to provide a more personalized learning experience for your child.

- ★ Strengthen your child's knowledge and fill in gaps in their learning
- ★ Build your child's confidence and engagement in learning
- ★ Access detailed data about your child's learning progress
- ★ Students will go into 6th Grade feeling confident that they are ready for more challenging work!

During the Summer months, students will use Khan Academy to demonstrate mastery of 5th grade mathematical skills; this can be done by practicing for **just 10 minutes per day!** Once the 5th grade mission is mastered, students can move on to the 6th grade mission to preview and practice skills that they will formally learn in the 6th grade school year.

In September, when the challenge has ended, student recognitions will be given out based on points earned, skills mastered, and time spent completing the challenges. In addition, there will be a celebration for the top 20 students, where Khan Academy homework passes will be given out.

| <b><u>Student Sign Up</u></b>  | <b><u>Parent Sign Up</u></b>   |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To get started, students will click the following link to join the challenge:<br/><a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/join/KW2YFANQ">https://www.khanacademy.org/join/KW2YFANQ</a></li><li>2. Click "Create a New Account"</li><li>3. Student will enter date of birth, then click "Sign up using Google."</li><li>4. Select school email and press "Allow"</li><li>5. Enter grade (5) and then subject (math).</li><li>6. Now you're ready to start learning and working on the 5th Grade Mastery Mission! Good luck!</li></ol> | <p>Parents and guardians can set up a parent/guardian account and follow along your child's progress in 5 quick steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Log-in to Khan Academy with your child. Students will always "Sign in with Google."</li><li>2. Click on their Username → Settings in the upper right corner.</li><li>3. Enter your email address in the "Parent Email" Field</li><li>4. Check your inbox for an email from Khan Academy.</li><li>5. Follow the sign-in or log-in prompts to get started.</li></ol> |

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The 6th Grade Math Teachers