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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The school year is winding down. Amid the bright anticipation for a relaxing summer loom a variety of ominous questions: How thick will the math packet be this summer? What if I can't help my child because I can't remember math from eons ago? What will the consequences be for my child if we can't find a way to complete the packet in its entirety?

This year we are taking a new approach to summer math with the intent of easing the concerns parents and students faced in previous years. The goal of summer math is to increase retention of math concepts by reviewing math skills throughout the vacation. The amount of math practice your student completes will be your decision; we're simply asking families to encourage and monitor their child's use of our summer math resources.

Summer math resources are available on our school website by clicking "Summer Math/Reading" under the Quicklinks heading. You also can access the page directly by entering the following address in your web browser: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whiteoakms/aboutus/summerinfo.aspx>. On this page you will find the summer math packets, the math packet keys and various internet resources including Study Island.

Study Island and the other internet resources we've identified allow students to practice math skills while receiving immediate feedback and foundational knowledge as necessary. Students can access the Study Island internet resource over the summer using their login and password from this year. An assignment with a variety of math skills will be posted to students' Study Island accounts, but again, the completion of this assignment is not required.

Copies of the summer math packet and answer key also are available in our guidance office. If your family does not have internet access at home, we encourage you to visit your closest Montgomery County Public Library. Internet access at public libraries is free. The enclosed informational sheet includes the address and hours of operation of our closest library branch, the White Oak Public Library.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 301-989-5728. Enjoy a relaxing summer full of diverse learning experiences.

Sincerely,

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