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Dear Students and Parents,

Success in mathematics is achieved by engaging in math activities regularly. Educational research has repeatedly shown learning mathematics takes multiple opportunities to engage and reflect on mathematical practices and build on the strong foundational skills you learn every day, in and outside the classroom. Certainly, regular practice is linked to success in developing almost any skill.

Studies have shown that not engaging in math regularly (especially over the summer months), can cause a deficit when returning to the classroom in the fall. At Baker, we are encouraging students to practice regularly to ensure the “summer slump” doesn’t occur. To do so, MCPS (Montgomery County Public Schools) has created a website with resources for students to access and engage with mathematical practices and continue to develop basic math skills to ensure they are ready when returning to school in the fall.

We hope that each student has an enjoyable and productive summer practicing mathematics. We will look forward to you sharing your summer mathematics activities and what you learned when school opens in August.

Summer Math Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/a/mcpsmd.net/mcps-math-online-resources/>

Sincerely,

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