



Westlake Academy Suggested Summer Learning 2019-2020

It is our wish that all Westlake Academy families have a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer vacation. Until we meet again, we would like for students to have continued exposure to the skills developed over the course of the year. Please reference the suggestions below for home learning opportunities. Grade-specific suggestions begin on page three.

If you would like your child to access the digital resources outlined in this document, you will have to use a personal device. The Westlake Academy IT department will disable all school iPads. Please safely store them over the summer. Clever.com will provide direct access to Think Through Math and Istation. Please refer to your child's login card sent by homeroom teachers in March.

For new families entering Westlake Academy in August 2020, your child will be given a Think Through Math and IStation log in once the new school year commences.

Mathematics

1. [Think Through Math \(TTM\)](#)
 - *Log in information found on your child's login card (emailed in March)
 - * Direct any TTM question to the Math Specialist, [Mrs. Bauer \(email\)](#)
2. Greg Tang Math Games: gregtangmath.com
3. Supporting Math At Home: A Guide for Parents
 - * [Kindergarten-Second Grade](#)
 - * [Third-Fifth Grade](#)

Reading

We hope every child has daily reading experience during the summer months.

1. www.Istation.com/istationHome/Tx: School/Domain: westlake.txprivate.tx
 - **Log in information found on your child's login card (emailed in March)
 - * Direct any IStation questions to the PYP Coordinator, [Ms. Schneider \(email\)](#)
2. [Newbery Medal Winners](#)
3. [Texas Bluebonnet Award Winners](#)
4. [Bookopolis](#)
5. [Biblionasium](#)
6. [Scholastic's Home Base](#)
7. [Tumblebooks Ebook Library- Free until August 31st!](#)

Spanish

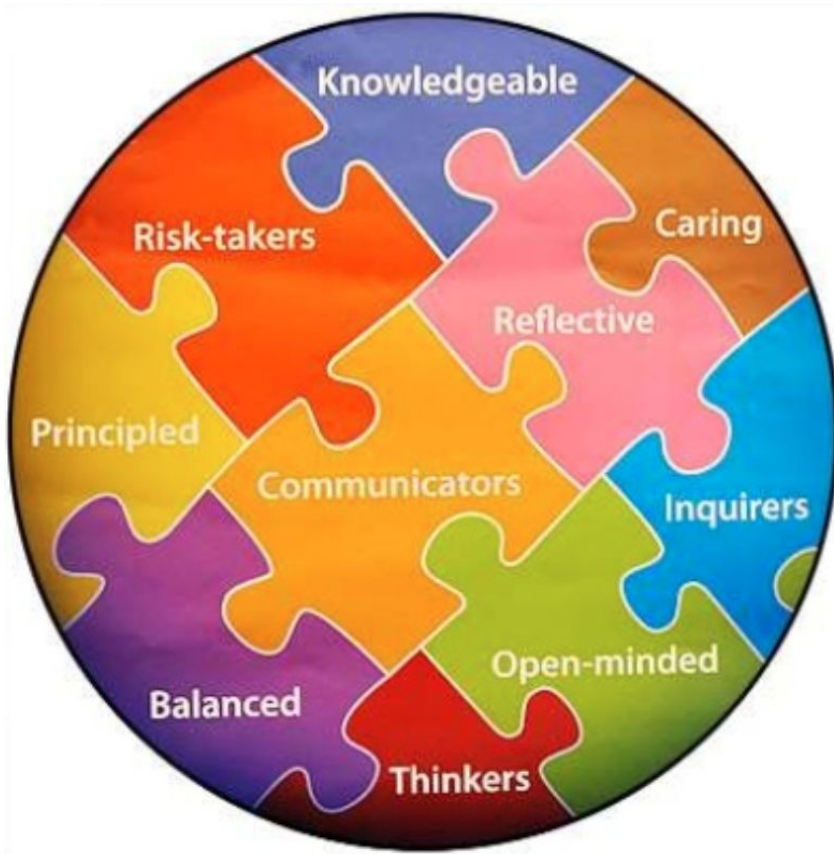
[View this document](#) for information from Señora Katina (K-3rd) and Señora Martha (4th-5th).



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Reinforce the IB Learner Profile Attributes

The attributes of being inquirers, knowledgeable, communicators, caring, thinkers, open-minded, balanced, principled and reflective are all hallmarks of what it means to be a good citizen and contribute positively to the community to make the world a better and more peaceful place. As a learning community, we all have a role in promoting and reinforcing these attributes. Westlake Academy's culture is formed and continues to form, in a partnership with parents and teachers working together to demonstrate the beliefs and values of the IB.



IB Learner Profile

Reinforce the Five IB Approaches to Learning Skills

[Suggested activities are posted here.](#)

**Scroll down for Summer Learning Activities Suggested by PYP Teachers
(For students entering the following grades)**



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Incoming First Grade:

- Oral counting to 100
- Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s to 100
- Fine Motor Skills (cutting, tying, zipping, buttoning, writing, drawing)
- Practice writing words with attention to upper and lower case letters
- Keep a summer journal to practice writing
- Each day, read independently or have someone read to you
- Personal hygiene (first graders share a hallway restroom next year)
- [Recall the first 100 instant snap words](#) (you can print the red flash cards in the document)
- Our favorite picture book authors are:
 - Laura Numeroff
 - Mo Willems
 - Kevin Henkes
 - Eric Carle

Incoming Second Grade:

- See Xtra math login information sent home by the first-grade teachers
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
- Playing board games
- Practice measurement skills through home activities such as cooking
- Reference second grade reading and writing cues from the journals and weekly newsletters (Parent Pipeline)
- Keep a journal
- Choose a chapter book to read aloud to your child. Our favorites are:
 - Beverly Cleary
 - The Magic Treehouse series
 - Encyclopedia Brown series
 - The Mercy Watson series
 - A-Z Mysteries series

Incoming Third Grade:

- See Xtra math login information sent home by the second-grade teachers
- Practice writing letters and words legibly in cursive
- Practice addition and subtraction fluency
- Keep a journal in the form of narrative stories and letters
- Our favorite authors:
 - Mike Lupica
 - Roald Dahl
 - Tim Green
 - Katherine Applegate



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Incoming Fourth Grade:

- Practice writing sentences legibly in cursive
- Practice multiplication and division fluency up to 12x12 (Xtra Math or Flashcards)
- Responding to and discussing what is being read (see book talk tips in the take- home folder from third grade). Emphasize reading nonfiction texts.
- Practice spelling the [commonly misspelled word list](#)
- Use the [Sora app](#) on any device to read books from Westlake Academy's Overdrive ebook library. Simply choose Westlake Academy from the list of schools and login using your Westlake email address and password. Books for grades 3-6 are available in the juvenile literature collection. Parents must assume responsibility for a student's choices.

Incoming Fifth Grade:

- Continue practice multiplication and division fact fluency
- Continue to practice writing in cursive to increase writing stamina
- Practice grammar ([Grammaropolis](#) and [Verb Smash](#))
- Reading informational texts
 - Time for Kids
 - National Geographic Kids
 - Local community publications
 - Newsforkids.net
 - Washington Post (Kids Post)
- Use the [Sora app](#) on any device to read books from Westlake Academy's Overdrive ebook library. Simply choose Westlake Academy from the list of schools and login using your Westlake email address and password. Books for grades 3-6 are available in the juvenile literature collection. Parents must assume responsibility for a student's choices.

Incoming Sixth Grade:

Fiction	Choose <u>TWO</u> of the following: <i>The Fourth Stall (Part 1)</i> by Chris Rylander	Students should choose at least TWO out of the three novels for their summer reading and be prepared to discuss and/or complete creative projects about the reading upon the start of school in August. If you have any questions, please email Ms. O'Dell at jodell@westlakeacademy.org .
Historical Fiction	<i>The False Prince</i> by Jennifer A. Nielsen	
Nonfiction (Graphic Novel)	<i>Fever Year: The Killer Flu of 1918</i> by Dan Brown	