

June 8, 2020

Dear Western Tech Families:

BCPS is proud to offer students access to Summer Learning Hike – an optional summer learning opportunity. The following opportunities will be used for Summer Learning Hike:

- Reading Eggs – Early Childhood – Pre-K
- Exact Path Reading and Mathematics – Grades K-5
- Tutorials English/Language Arts and Mathematics – Grades 6-12

The early childhood resources, Reading Eggs, focuses solely on reading. All K-11 digital resources, Exact Path for Grades K-5 and Tutorials for Grades 6-11, offer students access to personalized instruction in English/Language Arts and mathematics. The personalized instruction identifies and addresses learning gaps that typically occur in the summer and works to ensure students are ready for grade-level instruction in the upcoming school year. The purpose of the Summer Learning Hike is to offer students the opportunity to review reading and math content from the current school year. Participation in the Summer Learning Hike is optional but encouraged. No grade will be assigned to this work.

All Summer Learning Hike resources will be accessed through BCPSOne. A learning tile will be in place so that students and families can easily access the digital resources. At the secondary level, students will only see Summer Learning Hike resources that are aligned to the English/Language Arts and Mathematics classes in which the student was enrolled in SY 19-20. Please note that at the high school level the Tutorials only map to English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.

The digital resources are student directed and should not require teacher or parent support. BCPS has also established real time support, Monday–Friday, from BCPS math and English/Language Arts teachers. This support can be accessed by students and families through established Google Meets rooms. Guidance for accessing the Google Meets rooms will be forthcoming on both the BCPS Web page and Schoology under Summer Learning Hike.

The recommendations for time to spend on Universal Summer Learning resources vary by level.

- Reading Eggs – 60 minutes per week
- Exact Path – 90 minutes per week
- Tutorials – 120 minutes per week

Additional information regarding Summer Learning Hike Resources will be distributed the week of June 15th. Also, attached to this e-mail, you will find an FAQ that will help support you and your child.

Sincerely,

Buddy Parker, Principal