



Dear Families of Summer School Students,

Thank you so much for enrolling your student in MMSD summer school. Over the past six weeks, your student has been offered the opportunity to engage in high-quality reading and writing activities intended to accelerate growth in key literacy skills. This instruction has included:

- **Whole group instruction** - students had an option to participate in whole group zoom meetings twice a week, during which your child's summer school teacher read and discussed a grade level text with the class. Students practiced skills in asking and answering questions about the text, and engaged in conversations to build listening and speaking skills.
- **Small group instruction** - students had an option to participate in small group zoom meetings twice a week, during which teachers provided instruction and practice for writing skills. In week one, students chose a topic to write an informational piece about, which was scored by your child's teacher to get a "Beginning of Summer School" writing score. During weeks 2 -5, students revised that writing based on teacher instruction and feedback. Finally, students were asked to write another informational writing piece, based on the information they learned during their whole group reading. This final writing was scored by your child's teacher to gain an "End of Summer School" writing score. ***Please see the report attached in today's email for your child's beginning and end of summer school writing scores.***
- **Independent reading tasks** - students were given daily independent activities meant to target and strengthen your child's literacy skills. These activities may have included:
  - Lexia Core 5
  - Reading and responding to articles within ReadWorks
  - Independent reading and choice board activities
  - Reading fluency practice

Thank you for providing support and assistance to your child during this virtual learning experience. We hope that your child has enjoyed participating in summer school.