

Ms. Vermeulen's Newsletter

End of the Year Info

*Summer packets have been handed out to students. Please let me know ASAP if you did not receive one and would like one for \$3.00.

**What exactly is in the summer packet?* The packet has plenty of review of fractions, decimals, and multi-step story problems. Students should be able to complete it in 6 weeks with only doing 3 or 4 full pages a week.

*Students should be able to complete the sheets mostly independently after a few minutes review or 1-2 example problems.

* Remember, if students turn this packet in during the beginning of the school year I will plan a special treat for them. (Packets will need to be at least 75% complete).

What's New?

There are also many resources available on my weebly for summer practice. Under "more," click "Summer Options," to see some of the different programs (both free as well as paid options) that could help you student over the summer months. Here are some additional ideas!

-Go with your child to the book store, and pick up a book prepping for sixth grade! There are lots of resources out there, I will do my research and let you know which books can best prepare your students.

-Visit my *Fifth Grade Homework Help Section* to review different concepts learned over the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at avermeulen@lakeorion.k12.mi.us ☺

Sneak Peak into 6th Grade

There will be a lot of changes as your child enters Middle School. Math will be broken up into standard math and more advanced math. This is to help kids group together to learn at a pace comfortable for them.

Each middle school has their own programs to assist students that may be struggling in math. Ask your new school for details on all the different options they provide!

In Sixth Grade, the middle school curriculum used is *Connected Mathematics*. This is a series of mini books that will be used throughout the year. Each new concept they will have a new book to work out of. Again, the Common Core pushes them to think deeply about what they are learning!

What you can do at home

- ❖ **Flash cards!** *Multiplication and division flash cards are a great way to help students master their facts. Ask me for a link to free flash cards!*
- ❖ Visit www.thinkcentral.com for games at your child's grade level. They should know their ID and login!
- ❖ Visit my weebly at <http://avermeulen.weebly.com/> This has lots of tools and resources to help you and your child!

