

HOPE Christian School: Via Summer Pre-Course Work

Dear Scholars and Parents,

Welcome to HOPE Christian School: Via! We are looking forward to working with you and your child for the upcoming year. Our community environment consists of scholar-centered learning and a focus on academic achievement. This leads to classrooms where scholars are motivated, excited, and successful. As families, scholars and staff, we are working as a village to build the foundation of education, Christian principles, and strong character. We are blessed to do this work alongside you!

At HOPE, we believe our families play an important role in our scholars' success. The more involved you are in your child's learning, the greater success he or she will have in school. In order to prepare your child for a smooth transition into the next grade level, we require that you help your child with two kinds of pre-course work over the summer. The work provided will consist of short assignments that include:

1. **Daily Reading**: Every HOPE Via scholar must read each day, including holidays and weekends. You can find references to online resources below. K-2nd grade scholars should read 20 minutes a day, and 3rd-8th grade should read for 30 minutes a day.
2. **Online Math Assignments**: All scholars will have online assignments to complete in Math. They should aim to complete 1 assignment each day. Scholars will also have access to other enrichment activities in social studies and science (these are optional).

All of the above assignments should be recorded on the **Scholar Completion Log** (at the end of the document) and submitted/emailed on the first day of school.

It is our goal that these assignments will help scholars make the transition into the upcoming school year focused on academic achievement. We acknowledge that our partnership will serve as tools for our children to build a better tomorrow. Please review the information and resources found in this document and let us know if you have questions!

Sincerely,
HOPE Christian School: Via Staff
262-800-9021

DAILY READING

Every HOPE scholar should read independently for at least **20 minutes each night for K-2**, and at least **30 minutes each night for 3rd-8th** daily. K-2 parents should also read for 15 minutes per night to your scholar (*a high-quality picture book or chapter books that are too difficult for your scholar to read independently*).

RECOMMENDED READING RESOURCES

TumbleBooks: Offering free ebooks through your local library

Audible: Offering free service for kids as long as school is out.

Overdrive: Free ebooks and audiobooks through your local library

Newsela: A way for kids of all ages to read the news! They're offering complete access for free for the rest of the year.

CommonLit: Kids can practice reading and answering questions on their level!

ReadWorks: Leveled fiction & nonfiction resources for scholars on all topics!

Vooks: Storybooks read out loud by teachers! They are offering a one-month free trial.

Be a reading coach! Use these questions to discuss books with your kids:

- Look back across the chapter/section/page. What is it mostly about?
- What does this make you think? Why?
- Which details support the idea that (main idea)?
- Why does (event) happen?
- What are some problems the character is having?
- How has (character) changed?
- Describe the relationship between (character) and (character).
- What lesson does (character) learn by the end of the story?

Kindergarten-First Grade Sight Words

We also highly encourage scholars to learn specific sight words prior to the start of school. Sight words are words that scholars simply have to memorize (and are often words that they shouldn't spend time sounding out).

Sight Word List Download: ([See Folder on HOPE Website](#))

Online Math Assignments:

K-6th Grade:

All scholars should complete 1 Zearn math lesson a day. Zearn is an online math program that supports scholar's instructional math needs and it is aligned to the curriculum we teach on campus.

- **Returning Families:** All scholars should complete 1 Zearn lesson a day online. Access to their clever accounts will be open over the summer for them to access.
- **New Families:** If you are new to HOPE, you will need to download a parent account on the Zearn website (it is free!) This link ([ZEARN PARENT](#)) will walk you through how to create the account, as well as provide information on which lesson to start your scholar on.
- **Zearn Webinar:** [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video to get started.

HARD COPIES OF ZEARN MATH: If you do not have access to complete Zearn online, we have attached hard copy resources that you can complete below.

- Incoming 1st Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Incoming 2nd Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Incoming 3rd Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Incoming 4th Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Incoming 5th Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Incoming 6th Grade: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Tips to Help Your Kids with Math

Here are six simple questions that you can use to support your kids with their math homework:

- “How do you know?”
- “Convince me”
- “Explain that, please”
- “Prove it”
- “Draw a picture”
- and the simplest of all, “Why?”

Each question is designed to put the thinking work on the child, helping them to see their way through a problem that has them stumped, and to potentially help you identify the specific areas of struggle or misunderstanding. When it comes to homework, the answer is far less important than the questions kids are asking to get there. And as a parent, the prompts you give your kids to steer them toward those questions can make all the difference.

7th-8th Grade:

All scholars should complete 1 Khan Academy math lesson a day. Khan Academy is an online math program that supports scholar's instructional math needs and it is aligned to the curriculum we teach on campus for middle school.

7th Grade Kahn Link: (Start in Module 1)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/topic-foundations-engageny/7th-grade-foundations-engageny>

8th Grade Kahn Link: (Start in Module 1)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/topic-foundations-engageny/8th-grade-foundations-engageny>

Note for Parents: If you scholar is significantly struggling in the content linked, please reach out to the school team at (262-800-9021 EXT 0). We would be happy to provide you with additional support!

Additional Math Resources

XtraMath: Quick math fact (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) practice!

DreamBox: An amazing math resource for kids K-8 to practice math concepts and skills — they're offering a 90-day free trial for parents!

Enrichment Options: Go Exploring! (Optional)

Take a virtual field trip with your child!

- Take a Trip to The Zoo: Watch live streams of the [Monterey Zoo](#) or [Georgia Aquarium](#) to get your animal fix. Then, head over to the [San Diego Zoo](#) site for fun activities, games, videos, and more!
- Practice Your Yoga Moves: Get moving and stretching with this fun [Trolls themed, Cosmic Kids Yoga Course](#).
- Start a New Podcast: Browse through the [Kids Listen Podcast](#) app to start listening to kid-friendly stories, science snippets, history lessons, interviews, and current events discussions.
- Enjoy a Broadway Play: Want to experience Broadway from your home? Head to [BroadwayHD](#) to watch your favorite musical or play. The streaming service offers a 7 day free-trial so you can enjoy as many plays as you want for a week, free of charge!
- Take a Trip to a Farm: [FarmFood 360](#) allows kids to virtually explore a farm, including it's pigs, minks, cows, eggs, apples and much more!
- Try Out a New Recipe: Learn to cook your favorite meal by joining the [ChopChop Cooking Club](#)! Available online or through the App Store, you and your family can enjoy several cooking challenges, recipes, tutorials, and more!
- Explore The Met: Head to [The Met Kids](#) website to explore the museum, go back in time to learn more about ancient artifacts, watch videos, and more!
- See The Boston Children's Museum: Visit all three floors of the Boston Children's Museum with this [Virtual Tour](#).
- Have Lunch with Mo! Mo Willems invites kids everyday into his studio every day for his Lunch Doodle! Join him to draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting [Mo's studio virtually](#).
- Visit the Smithsonian: Head to the [Smithsonian for Kids](#) site for several virtual tours of exhibits, fun activities, games, videos, and more!
- Challenge Your Friends to Build Something: Check out these [15 Engineering Challenges](#) and challenge your friends to a building contest! Share pictures and/or videos of your finished projects to see who was able to build the best structure.

HOPE Christian School Scholar Completion Log

Directions: Please fill out this document daily as your scholar completes his or her summer pre-course work. The document can be submitted in hard copy, or emailed to staff on the first day of school. An example is provided below.

SCHOLAR NAME:

PARENT NAME:

Date	BOOK TITLE	Minutes Read	Math Assignment Completed
<i>5/25</i>	<i>The Giver</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Module 4, Lesson 1</i>

[Download doc on HOPE Via Website Page](#)

Summer Motivation Tips for Parents

Use this simple chart to help keep kids motivated and engaged with learning at home!

Directions:

1. Each morning, review the daily schedule with your scholar and get them excited for the day!
2. Set a goal, and establish what scholars may want to work for that day (ideas are listed below).
3. Remind scholars of the incentive that they are working for throughout the day, and be sure to celebrate with them when they complete an assignment!
4. If scholars meet their daily work completion and work habits goal, have them mark it on their chart and then celebrate with the incentive that you chose!

Daily Ideas:

- 30 minutes of family game time
- Art Party - draw or color with your scholar
- Pick their favorite show and watch it with them
- 30 minutes of playtime! Let your child choose their activity and engage in play!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading					
Math					
Total					

Total for week: _____

If scholars meet the daily goals for the entire week, choose from one of the ideas below or create your own to celebrate!

- Family Movie Night - have children choose the movie and make some popcorn!
- Family Game Night - children can choose their favorite board or card game!
- Build a Fort in the Living Room and have an adventure!
- Bake Off Challenge - get everyone in your family together and split up into teams to see who can make the most delicious treat!