



Dear Parents,

The countdown is on! With only a few more days of school remaining before the start of summer vacation, Villa Maria's Math teachers have been hard at work. Believing that summer review is essential to retaining what was learned throughout the school year, the teachers have organized activities and materials that they believe will be extremely helpful to the girls in reviewing basic math facts and priority topics at each grade level. Villa's summer math program encompasses the following areas:

Math literature: As part of VMA's Summer Reading Program, the students in grades 1-5 will be required to read and complete an activity based on a math-related literature selection. The teachers have based their selections on curriculum topics the girls will be studying and related follow-up activities have been planned for the new school year.

Moodle Math Site: In an effort to provide our students with a variety of resources for summer review of math, we are very pleased to offer an extensive list of online math sites organized by grade. VMA's Moodle site offers a schoolwide component for Summer Math. Listed under each grade, you will find a listing of sites that will provide opportunities to review the priority topics taught, with an emphasis on basic facts. Villa's math teachers highly recommend the use of these sites as a means of helping the girls retain the skills they acquired throughout the school year. Please take the time to browse the list of your child's **present** grade to find the games, drills, and activities that will most benefit your child in summer review. Villa's Math Moodle site will be accessible to students on June 14th.

First In Math: (Online site for students presently in Grades 1-6) As you know, the First in Math program emphasizes the use of basic math facts to build greater critical thinking skills. The program is widely recognized as an excellent means of creating a strong math foundation while students compete in exciting and challenging activities. Villa's students have enjoyed tremendous success in this, their first year of participation in the program. First in Math will continue to be available to the students until July 31st.

Summer Skills Workbooks: This is a great resource for those students interested in reviewing the math concepts developed throughout the year using a workbook format. Lessons are organized into short, mixed-skill exercises designed to be completed three times a week over the summer. These workbooks may be ordered online (www.summerskills.com) and will be mailed to your home.