

Parents,

It's hard to believe we are looking at summer right in front of us. The school years seem to go quicker each year. I would like to take a moment to thank you for entrusting us with your children. We love and care for them and value your family's commitment to Clarksville Academy.

As part of our commitment to be intentional and provide the highest standard, content area teachers and administrators have been in communication about the summer learning work required of each student. Throughout our discussions, we revisited the reasons why we engage students in summer learning. Research shows that 'academic slide' in the summer months can have a significant negative impact on a student's learning and retention of skills. Oftentimes, the reason behind this is a lack of access to consistent academic stimulation. Keeping students engaged in math and reading can be especially beneficial in preventing deep learning loss from happening.

We want to keep your child engaged in math and reading over the summer. For math, we encourage students either to use the ACT Test Prep feature in Naviance or to download the free Khan Academy app. For reading, we have created a summer reading buddy assignment. Both assignments can be found below and can be accessed on the school website or in the school newsletter.

Summer Math Enrichment 2026

Step 1

- Download the Khan Academy app and create an account using your school email.

OR

- Visit <https://student.naviance.com/clarksville> and use your school account. (Note: email Ms. Perry if you need your password reset). You can access this website on your phone.

Step 2

- Join the ACT Prep Course
- Search for:
 - "ACT Math"
 - "Algebra 1"
 - "Algebra 2"
 - "High School Geometry"

Step 3

- Skill Practice
 - Complete 10-15 ACT style math questions a week
 - Practice working under timed conditions
 - About 1 minute per question

Summer Reading 2026

Reading becomes more meaningful when you can discuss ideas, ask questions, make connections, and hear someone else's perspective. The purpose of this year's summer reading assignment is to read a book and talk about it – with a reading buddy.

Requirements

1. Choose a buddy and select a book together, **or** choose a book, then a buddy. (You may also read with a small group of 3-4.)
2. Choose either a fiction or nonfiction book that is **200-300 pages** and **grade-level appropriate*** – **NO technical manuals, reference books, graphic novels, or collections of stories.**
3. Involve your parents. They **must approve** your book selection **before** you begin reading!
4. Complete the [2026 Google Form](https://forms.gle/WoZpvof8oJmDViHZA) (<https://forms.gle/WoZpvof8oJmDViHZA>) and decide on the following:
 - Your reading buddy
 - Your book
 - How you will communicate with your buddy this summer: e.g., text, phone call, email, FaceTime, or in person
 - When you will discuss the book
 - You must talk **at least 3 times** while you are reading the book.
5. Purchase a physical copy of the book – **No e-books or audiobooks.**
6. Keep a log of your discussions with your buddy. Record the following:
 - a. **Date of discussion**
 - b. **Pages or chapters discussed**
 - c. **Brief description of what you talked about, why.**
 - d. **Brief description of how you feel about the book, what you are thinking about, or what you wish you had discussed.**
7. Bring your discussion log **and** the book to class **on the first day of school.**

Summer Reading Discussion Expectations

- Keep an **individual record** of your discussions.
- Finish the book **and** complete the discussion log independently (**even if a partner falls behind**).

**Age-appropriate: The age level of your book should be 13 and up, and the Lexile level should be 800 or up. Books that you would read (or have read) in lower or middle school are unacceptable.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the Upper School English teachers:

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