

## SMM Summer Portfolio

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduate and Family,

Congratulations! You have worked hard and reached the end of another year. I hope you feel proud and spend lots of time this summer having fun outdoors. When you are not in the pool or at a theme park, take time to practice the skills you learned this year.

Summer learning requirements for 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates:

- Read one Sunshine State Book and complete Character Interview (see packet)
- Read one non-fiction book about Egypt and complete non-fiction book report (see packet)
- Complete 20 days of math from Summer Step-Up (print pages)

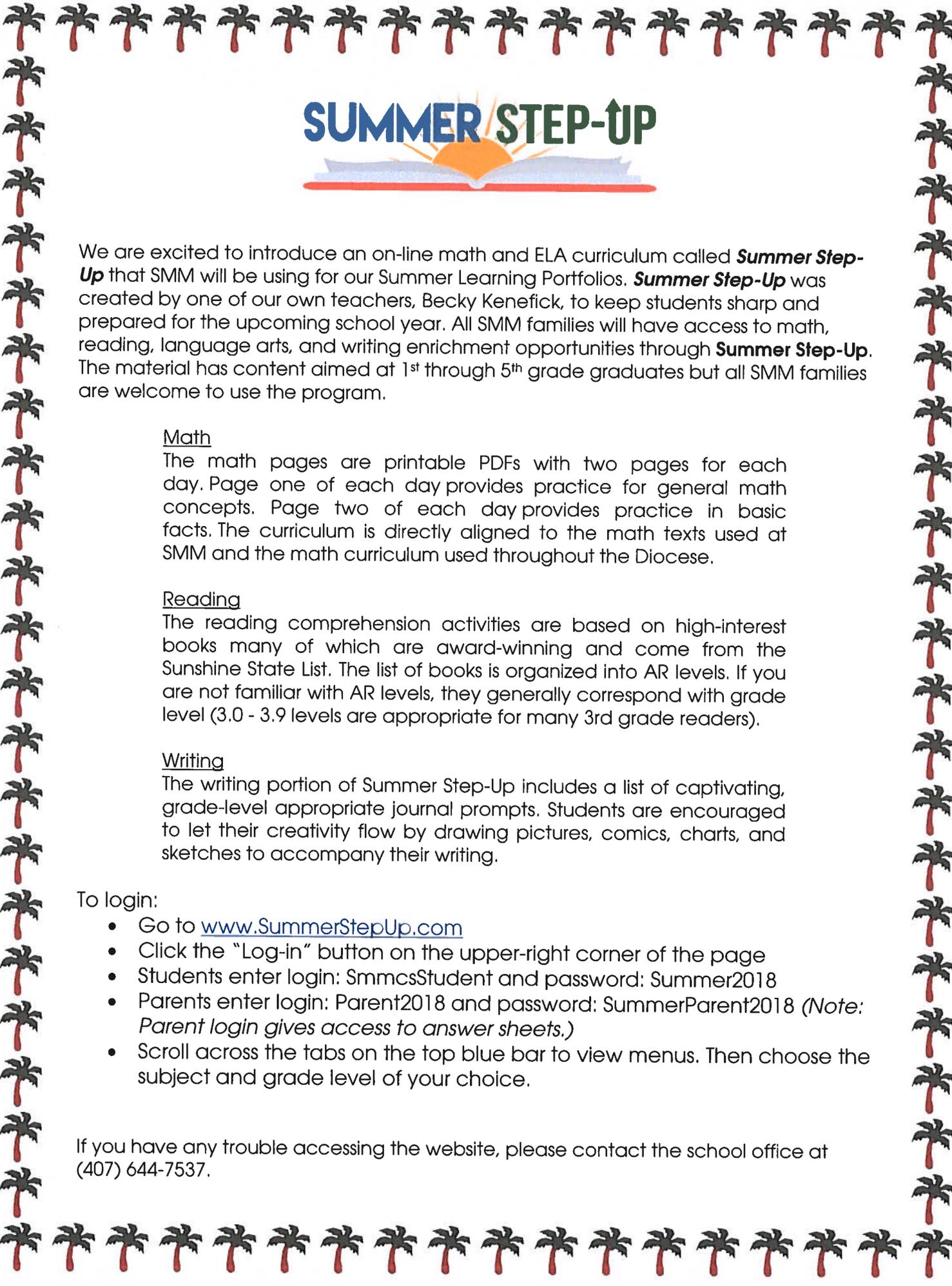
Optional work to turn in to receive recognition as a Summer Scholar. You will get a certificate and a treat in August of next year.

- Select a book from the Reading tab on Summer Step-Up. Choose one in your reading level. Complete reading comprehension questions (print pages)
- Complete 15 pages from Quick Review Skills Workbook (see PDF posted on website and print pages)

If you need help accessing your Summer Step-Up account, please follow the instructions on the Plus Portals link. Additionally, the office will be open during much of the summer if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Lindsey and Mrs. Yaw

**\*\* All summer work is due August 13. Return finished work to your new homeroom teacher. \*\***



# SUMMER STEP-UP



We are excited to introduce an on-line math and ELA curriculum called **Summer Step-Up** that SMM will be using for our Summer Learning Portfolios. **Summer Step-Up** was created by one of our own teachers, Becky Kenefick, to keep students sharp and prepared for the upcoming school year. All SMM families will have access to math, reading, language arts, and writing enrichment opportunities through **Summer Step-Up**. The material has content aimed at 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates but all SMM families are welcome to use the program.

## Math

The math pages are printable PDFs with two pages for each day. Page one of each day provides practice for general math concepts. Page two of each day provides practice in basic facts. The curriculum is directly aligned to the math texts used at SMM and the math curriculum used throughout the Diocese.

## Reading

The reading comprehension activities are based on high-interest books many of which are award-winning and come from the Sunshine State List. The list of books is organized into AR levels. If you are not familiar with AR levels, they generally correspond with grade level (3.0 - 3.9 levels are appropriate for many 3rd grade readers).

## Writing

The writing portion of Summer Step-Up includes a list of captivating, grade-level appropriate journal prompts. Students are encouraged to let their creativity flow by drawing pictures, comics, charts, and sketches to accompany their writing.

To login:

- Go to [www.SummerStepUp.com](http://www.SummerStepUp.com)
- Click the "Log-in" button on the upper-right corner of the page
- Students enter login: SmmcsStudent and password: Summer2018
- Parents enter login: Parent2018 and password: SummerParent2018 (*Note: Parent login gives access to answer sheets.*)
- Scroll across the tabs on the top blue bar to view menus. Then choose the subject and grade level of your choice.

If you have any trouble accessing the website, please contact the school office at (407) 644-7537.

# Sixth-Grade Summer Reading



**Kick back, relax, and explore new  
worlds with summer reading!**



## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2018-2019 List for Grades 6-8



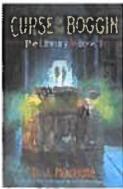
### **Click'd by Tamara Ireland Stone**

At her summer CodeGirls Camp, Allie Navarro invents Click'd, a friend pairing app. Click'd pairs its users with others who have common interests and then sends them a scavenger hunt to find their matches. A glitch threatens to reveal private information, and Allie must work fast in the school computer lab to find a fix. Can Allie fix her app, win back her friends and get it ready for Games for Good?



### **A Crack in the Sea by H.M. Bouwman**

A portal between two worlds opens unexpectedly. Those who travel to the second world find solace, but the Raft King wants to change all of that. Relating the tales of three sets of siblings who endure hardships, experience magic, adventures on the sea, and an enchanting second world, *A Crack in the Sea* is a unique tale where the door to the first world may never reopen.



### **Curse of the Boggin by DJ Machale**

There's a place beyond this world where spirits tell their tales, stories that ended too soon, or don't end at all. It's a place for unexplainable things: mysteries without solutions, ghosts and a boggin. They all have a story. Marcus and his friends have found the key to unlock the Library and they need to use it. A strange man in a bathrobe haunts them; fires rage out in an instant, a creepy old lady shows up at Marcus's house. The terror is real.



### **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya**

Arturo lives in Miami playing basketball and working a few shifts at his Abuela's restaurant. When he meets Carmen, a young girl who moves into Arturo's apartment complex, his stomach is in knots. On top of the problems with his new crush, his town is being threatened by a land developer. With the help of Carmen and the book of poetry of Jose Marti left by his grandfather, Arturo discovers family bonds and community are stronger than ever.



### **The Eureka Key by Sarah Thomson**

When middle school puzzle master Sam and history wiz Martina win a contest for a summer trip across the US, they discover they've been drafted into something vastly more extraordinary. Joining another kid on the trip, Theo, a descendant of George Washington himself, they must follow clues to find seven keys left behind by the Founding Fathers. Together the keys unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention--a secret weapon intended to defend the country. Each key is hidden in a unique location around the U.S., protected with puzzles, riddles, and traps.



### **The Firefly Code by Megan Frazer Blakemore**

Up until a new girl, Ilana, moves to Firefly Lane, Mori and her friends lived a normal life. They never questioned anything in Old Harmonie, their utopian community. Questions arise about the new girl. Where Ilana says she comes from doesn't add up and her behavior is strange. Once they discover the truth they must make tough decisions about their seemingly perfect world.



### **First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez**

Punk rocker, Zine maker, María Luisa is moving to Chicago with her Mexican-American mother and starting 7th grade in a new school. When she begins her first day with a rebellious start, she needs to figure out how she'll fit in and still hold on to her unique character.

# Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books

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### **Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park**

Raffa Santana has always loved the mysterious Forest of Wonders. For a gifted young apothecary, every leaf has the potential to unleash a kind of magic. If only Raffa's father would allow him to experiment freely.



### **Frogkisser! by Garth Nix**

Poor Princess Anya! Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepfather, has the unfortunate ability to break curses with magic kisses, AND now forced to go on the run when her stepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. She is not alone, aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards.



### **Ghost by Jason Reynolds**

Running. That's all that Castle Cranshaw aka Ghost has ever known. But never for a track team. His game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: natural talent.



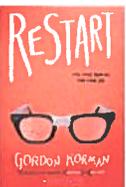
### **The Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst**

Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them. Together with her best friend—a wisecracking and fanatically loyal monster named Monster—she must decide whom to trust with her family's carefully guarded secrets. Who will help them, and who will betray them?



### **How Lunchbox Jones Saved me from Robots, Traitors and Missy the Cruel by Jennifer Brown**

Video game-loving Luke Abbott has no interest in joining his school robotics team. For one, he really doesn't know much about robotics. Two, the team has a record of losing. And three, his arch nemesis Missy the Cruel and the scary Lunchbox Jones are both on the team! What is with his lunchbox anyways?



### **Restart by Gordon Korman**

Chase wakes up from a fall off the roof not knowing who he is. When he returns to school, the students know exactly who he is, or at least, who he was. Some of the students act like he is a hero, some seem scared of him, and one utterly despises him. Chase is faced with having to figure out not only who he was, but who he wants to be.



### **Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Julia might be short, but she refuses to let her height be her shortcoming. Encouraged by her mother to audition for the musical The Wizard of Oz, Julia quickly falls in love with the world of theater and all its characters. Over the course of the summer, Julia discovers talents she didn't know she had, forms unlikely friendships, and finds a second home in the theater. It's true what they say-- good things come in small packages.



### **The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks**

When a young boy is discovered in Washington DC's National Gallery without any memory of who he is, a high-stakes race begins to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity. As the stakes continue to rise, the boy must piece together the clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.

Your assignment is to read one fiction and one nonfiction book and complete the assignments below for each book.

### **Assignment #1: Fiction Novel**

Please choose one of the 2017-2108 Sunshine State Young Reader Award Novels books for grades 6-8 (see attached list). After reading your chosen novel, complete the following character interview activity.

#### **Character Interview**

After reading the novel, you are to construct a mock interview session with one of the major characters. The interview should feature 5 thought-provoking questions and the character's 5 detailed responses. Each response should be at least 4-5 sentences long, with examples from the novel when appropriate. You will be graded on accuracy, effort, and mechanics. It is preferred for the project to be typed.

Consider the following questions when crafting your interview questions and responses:

- Are the questions thought-provoking and appropriate for the chosen character?
- Do the answers demonstrate a solid knowledge of the character?
- Are the answers written in the voice of the character?
- Does the interview reflect the setting, theme, and plot of the novel?

### **Assignment #2: Nonfiction Book**

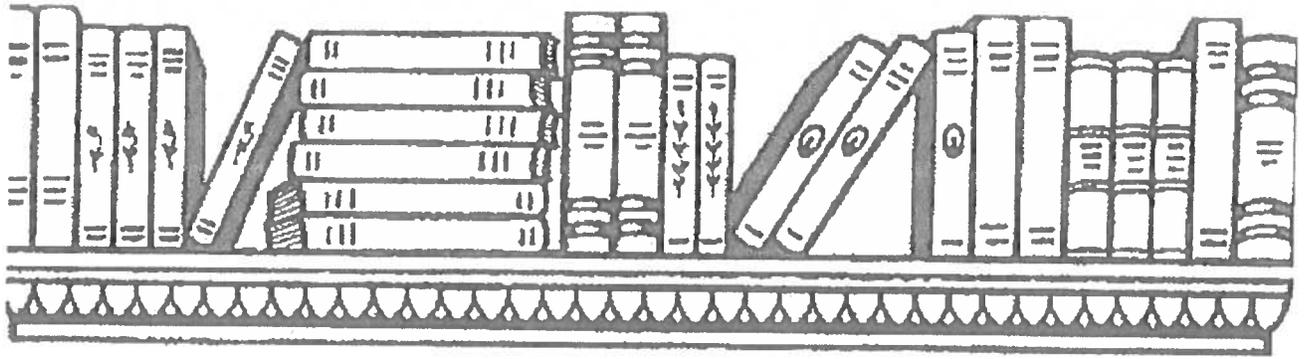
Please read one nonfiction book about ancient Egypt. Some suggestions are listed below, but you may read any book you find interesting as long as it is nonfiction, has at least 50-75 pages, and teaches you something new and interesting.

*Science in Ancient Egypt* by Geraldine Woods

*Egypt World* by Stella Caldwell

*Eyewitness Books: Mummy* by James Putnam

After reading your chosen non-fiction book, please complete the following activity:



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Non-Fiction Book Report

Title of book \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

List five new facts you learned from reading this book.

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List five things that you already knew about this subject before reading the book.

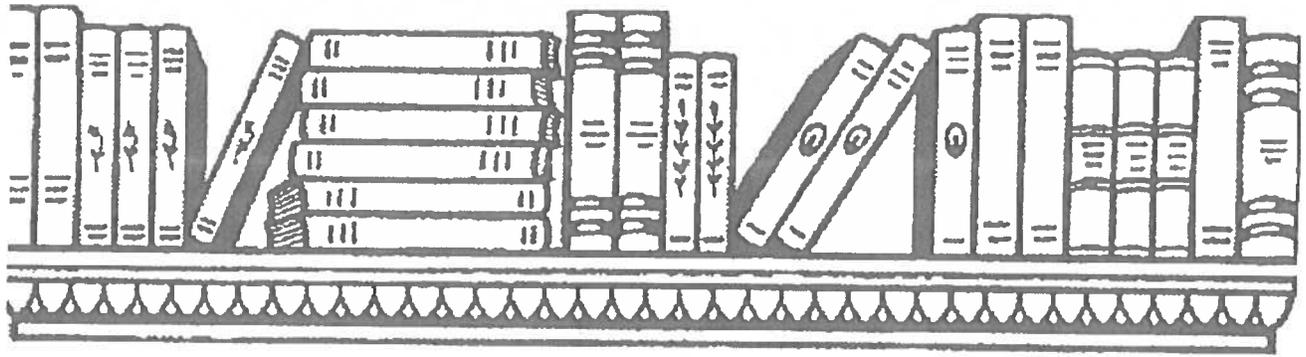
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Write six new vocabulary words that you learned from this book.

Words:

Definition:

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List three opinions that were stated in this book.

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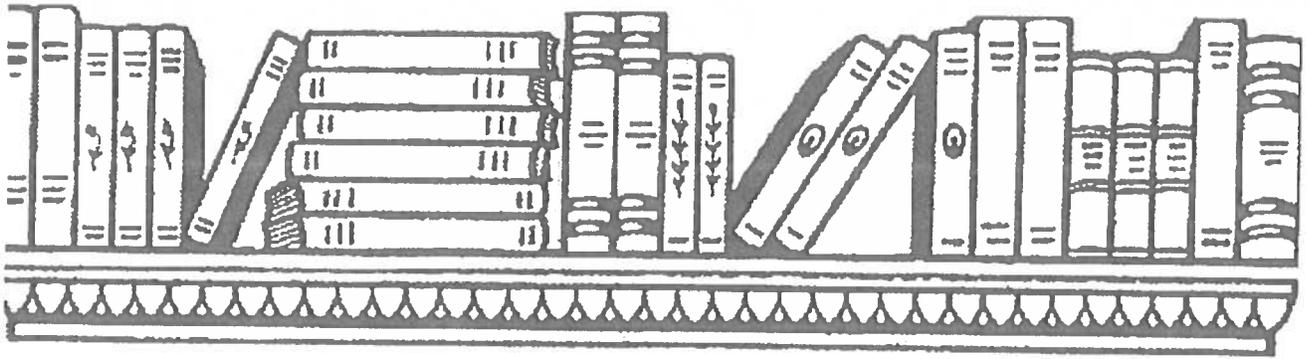
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Write an e-mail message to a friend telling him or her why you think they should read this book.

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What piece of information did you find the most interesting?

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