

## **Dear Seven Persons School Families,**

As we wrap up another school year, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. A strong school community is built through the efforts of students, families, staff, and community members working together to create a place where children feel known, supported, and challenged to grow.

This year, our students showed resilience, curiosity, kindness, and leadership in the classroom, through athletics, performances, field trips, clubs, and community events. Thank you to our staff for the care and energy you bring each day, to our families for your trust and support, and to our students for the effort, humour, and spirit you bring to the Wolfpack.

As summer begins, we hope your family has time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the slower pace of July and August. Summer is a time for children to play, explore, be outside, spend time with family, and simply be kids. A few simple learning routines can also help students feel confident and ready when school resumes on **Tuesday, September 1**.

### Supporting Learning Over the Summer

Learning does not need to look like schoolwork. Everyday routines, conversations, reading, and real-life experiences all help children keep growing.

#### **Read regularly.**

Encourage your child to read each day, books, graphic novels, magazines, recipes, instructions, or sports articles all count. Reading together, listening to audiobooks, and talking about books build vocabulary and comprehension.

#### **Practice basic math skills.**

A few minutes of math several times a week helps maintain important skills. Real-life math also counts: cooking, shopping, measuring, budgeting, estimating travel time, and playing card or board games.

#### **Write for real purposes.**

Encourage your child to journal, write postcards, make lists, create stories, send thank-you notes, or email a family member. Even short writing helps build confidence and stamina.

#### **Talk, wonder, and ask questions.**

Ask your child what they notice, wonder, think, and why. Conversations during walks, trips, cooking, movies, or outdoor activities build language, reasoning, and curiosity.

#### **Build routine and responsibility.**

As August approaches, begin easing back into school-year routines with regular bedtimes, morning habits, and organizing supplies. Summer is also a great time for children to practice independence through age-appropriate chores and responsibilities.

**Balance screen time.**

Technology can be useful and enjoyable, but children also need time for movement, creativity, outdoor play, reading, and face-to-face connection. Healthy screen-time habits will make the transition back to school smoother.

Looking Ahead to September

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, September 1. More information about school start-up, supplies, schedules, and routines will be shared before the new school year begins. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Until then, we wish all Seven Persons School families a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer. May the next few months bring adventure, connection, laughter, and renewal.

Thank you for another wonderful year. We are grateful to be part of your child's learning journey and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

With appreciation,

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