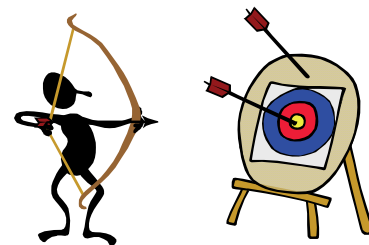


School • Community • Student • Parent LEARNING CONNECTIONS

Tahoma School District No. 409

Stop summer learning loss by exercising your brain

Did you know all students experience some “brain drain” during the summer, most notably in reading and math? What can you do? This summer, find ways to maintain and boost your child’s learning by incorporating educational activities into your regular routines. We will be sending out a summer connections newsletter to elementary and secondary parents every two weeks by e-mail with some fun and easy ideas to incorporate reading and math activities into your summer activities along with grade specific reading and math practice.



Target
Summer Learning Loss

Reading is a smart summer activity



The best way to keep strong readers strong and help struggling readers improve is to have your child reading regularly over summer.

Select a book that you can start reading aloud to your child this summer. Check out the lists from [King County Library System](#) for some good ideas.

Tahoma Summer Math Help



Get help with the
Summer Math Packets
All Grade Levels

Elementary, Middle, JrHigh, SrHigh

Wednesdays (June 29-Aug 3)
Tahoma Central Office—Boardroom
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tahoma High School Math Team students and teacher Mrs. Shirley are available to provide help to students. Just drop in and get help!

We Need Your E-mail Address!

To get the summer learning connections we need a current e-mail address. Login to [Skyward Family Access](#). At the top right-hand side look for “Account Info.” Choose “Change My Email”. Verify your email address and update if needed.

If you don’t know your Skyward Family Access password you can check in with the main office staff at your child’s school or the district Central Services staff.

King County
Public Library

**FREE SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM**



IN THE COMMUNITY

- ✓ **Young Author’s Club**
Teen Programs at the MV Library
Date: Thursday, June 23
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Share your work, get helpful writing tips and constructive criticism.
- ✓ **Free Museum Tickets through KCLA! (King Co Library)**
Get free tickets offered from Bellevue Arts Museum, KidsQuest Children's Museum, Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), Tacoma Art Museum and Washington State History Museum.

Questions or Comments?

Tahoma
Teaching and Learning
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See other grade level editions of
Learning Connections at
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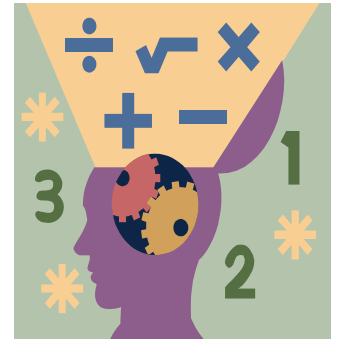
Newsletter Schedule

Target Distribution Dates



Summer math = Fall success

Students can lose up to 3 months of learning over the summer in math. Help keep this from happening by checking out the hints sent in each newsletter and encouraging your child to complete the skill practice sheets.



June 2011

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<http://> There are lots of great math websites and we'll send you a link with each newsletter. Please know that we have tried to find websites that don't have too much advertising. Finding ones that are advertising free is almost impossible. Be sure and check out the website yourself just to make sure it meets your expectations before having your child play the math games.

July 2011

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It's summer! Get out and play



Some kids look at summer as one long TV/videogame/online chat session. It is important to keep your child involved in physical activities, talking with others and engaged in activities outdoors. Consider some fun summer time activities that encourage physical fitness.

Have lots of chats with your kids



Summer is also a time when kids may go to camp or spend more time out of the house with friends. The best way to know what's going on with your child is to talk to your child.

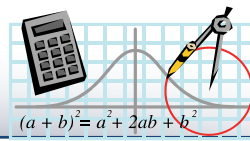
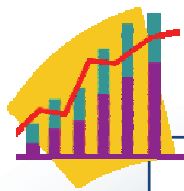
- What did they do today?
- What was the best part of the day?
- What was something interesting that happened today?
- What did they read?

August 2011

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Learning Connections Summer Newsletters are published with skill worksheets for grades 1-6 and links to the Holt Math program for secondary students through Algebra II. If you would like access to the newsletters for another grade level please go to the Tahoma website.

www.tahomasd.us



Math Connections

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



Introduction to the Holt Math On-Line Program

<http://my.hrm.com>

Our secondary students from grade 6 math through Algebra II are using the HOLT mathematics textbooks. This program has some great on-line resources we will be using for summer practice and review. Students in the HOLT program last year have used the on-line resources and are used to navigating through the different on-line activities.

If your child is new to the program and needs some help in navigating through the program we have detailed instructions showing screen shots of materials. If you are having any trouble drop into the Wednesday math help sessions to get some assistance! We are providing access to students for both the book they used last year as well as the book they will be using next year.

If students are struggling with any of the concepts there are videos embedded in the resources for most lessons students can view and the Study Guide: Reviews are also a good resource for extra practice.



Welcome to Holt McDougal Online!

I am already registered:

Username:

Password:

Log In

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

I am a New User and need to register for a program.

Register

I am an Evaluator with a sample word and need to preview a program.

Preview

Student Usernames and Passwords

We had to redo our convention for the HOLT usernames and passwords so the slips we handed out in classes last week can be discarded. Parents are being e-mailed their child's new HOLT username and password. The username construction convention is shown below just in case your child forgets their username.

Username: TSD followed by the student's 6 digit student ID number then capitalized first letter of their first name and capitalized first letter of their last name (no spaces anywhere)

Password: tahoma

Check out this website:

[Discover Engineering](#)



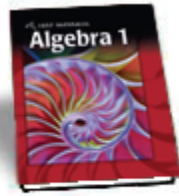
Geometry—Summer Practice

Getting ready for Intermediate Algebra or Algebra II in September



June 23, 2011

Go to <http://my.hrw.com>

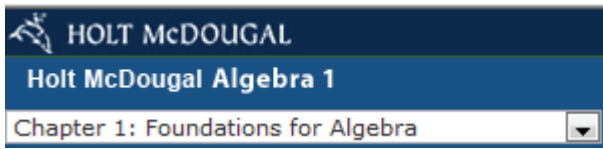


Holt McDougal Algebra 1



Open the Algebra I interactive online textbook

Because you will be going into either Intermediate Algebra or Algebra II next year we want to focus summer practice and review on Algebra I content and skills.



First select a chapter—for this lesson you want to select Chapter 1: Foundations for Algebra then click



Now select the Videos and Activities tab

Along the right hand side of the page you will see Interactivities.

Please do lessons

- 1-5: Square Roots and Real Numbers
- 1-8: Introduction to Functions



Interactive tutorials explore key concepts and skills.



Lesson 1-5: Square Roots and Real Numbers



Lesson 1-8: Introduction to Functions

Now go to Chapter 2 Equations—Videos and Activities

Please do lessons

- 2-1: Solving Equations by Adding and Subtracting
- 2-8: Applications and Proportions



Interactive tutorials explore key concepts and skills.



Lesson 2-1: Solving Equations by Adding and Subtracting



Lesson 2-8: Applications of Proportions

Need More Practice? Go to the Student Resources tab and down to Practice and Notetaking and do the Extra Practice worksheet and then try the interactive quiz to see how you are doing on these types of problems. Do this for both Chapter 1 and 2.



Practice and Notetaking

- Extra Practice
- Interactive Practice Test
- Know-It Notebook



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