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Dear Families and Students of Irwin Altman Middle School 172:

We would like to welcome your family to Irwin Altman Middle School 172 for the 2021-2022 school year! As we transition back fully to in person learning, we would like to provide a list of elective summer enrichment activities for your child to engage in during the months of July and August.

In ELA and social studies, a choice board of activities has been provided to promote various reading and writing skills, as well as allow the ELA and social studies teachers an opportunity to get to know your child. Please see the choice board below and have your child click on the school website to access each activity and download their *one* activity to share with their class in September.

In math, a short suggestion of various types of formal grade-level math problems have been provided for students to practice fundamental mathematical skills / topics and explore real-world connections to the practical use of mathematics. Students can practice 2-3 problems a week to keep their numeracy and problem-solving skills sharp for September. Your child can find the activities on the school website.

In science, students have been provided links to various resources with hands-on science activities. Students can choose *one* activity per week to keep their science skills sharp. Students can download a copy of the science activity PowerPoint template to record each step. Save the template with the name of the activity. You can share your slides with your class in September. Your child can find the activities on the school website.

Finally, we are excited to share that there is also social emotional learning (SEL) enrichment activities to support your child with being better equipped to manage daily challenges, build positive relationships, and make informed decisions. Please see the SEL box below and have your child click on the school website to access / explore the activities and select the at least *one* of the weekly activities to complete for September.

Click here for website: <http://www.ms172.org/>

Thank you and we look forward to connecting with our entire school community this September!

Sincerely,

Your Irwin Altman Middle School Teachers

ELA & Social Studies

Summer Enrichment Choice Board

Design a virtual locker or cubby, to help your teachers get to know you better. Include at least 5 (or more!) pictures that tell about who you are. Please use the template provided.

Next, choose 3 - 5 of the pictures and describe in detail why you chose that picture.

Chose a book you read recently and write a friendly letter to a friend about why you would recommend that book. Use the Friendly letter format to create your letter



The news has never been so strange!

Hey kids! Welcome to the world of wacky headlines, where very weird things happen all the time. We've come up with a great way to help you make up a story: start with the headline! They're funny. They're wild. Ready for some really strange news? Use the template provided

Time Travel: Think back to a time in history that interests you the most. You have the world's first time machine, Where would go? When would you go? Use the template provided.

Write a reflection where you describe what you learned as a reader, writer, and overall experience from the 2020-2021 school year. Use the template provided.

Your assignment is to create a series of text messages that are formatted in rhyming couplets A couplet are two lines of poetry that share a rhyming sequence. This text message exchange must be inspired by an image. You can use any photo off of the Internet, or use an old picture you already have saved on your computer. Use template provided.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Please click on the link [\(HERE\)](#) to access 6 weeks of brief daily activities that are geared toward supporting your SEL skills.

Just so you, social-emotional learning (SEL) helps you better understand your emotions, feel those emotions fully and demonstrate empathy for others. People with strong social-emotional skills are better able to cope with everyday challenges and benefit academically, professionally and socially.

You can pick and choose which daily activities you want to complete each week!