



Hot Tips for a Cool Summer

1. **Students should read as much as they watch T.V. and play video games. It will help maintain reading and vocabulary skills.**
2. **Review the reading list. It is okay to read the books, but understand that you will probably have to reread them for content and specific details in class.**
3. **Write often, even if it is just a postcard. Your writing skills will need to be sharp for next year.**
4. **It is helpful if students and parents talk about how they stay organized and what works for them. Discuss the pros and cons of daily planners and how to organize your day.**
5. **As a family, discuss the difference between intellectual growth and just “making a grade.”**
6. **Start thinking about science experimental design topics of interest.**
7. **Parents- Discuss with your child some of the changes (both positive and negative) that will happen next year. i.e. new friends, more independence, more personal responsibility for behavior, work load and belongings. Consider sharing some of your personal stories with your child.**
8. **Practice focusing and purposeful listening activities. Multi-tasking is one of the keys to success in middle school.**

Example: For a quick and easy concentration builder, try this mental exercise twice a day. You'll need two pencils, several sheets of paper, and tape. Tape two pieces of paper to a table. With a pencil in each hand, simultaneously draw a line with your right hand and a circle with your left. Repeat several times, alternating the figures from left to right. Then try other geometric shapes: a triangle with one hand and a square with the other, or a circle and a triangle. “By focusing on a demanding task like this,” says psychiatrist John J. Ratey, “you strengthen your ability to focus on anything that needs your attention.” Reprinted from REAL SIMPLE® May 2005 ©Time Inc.

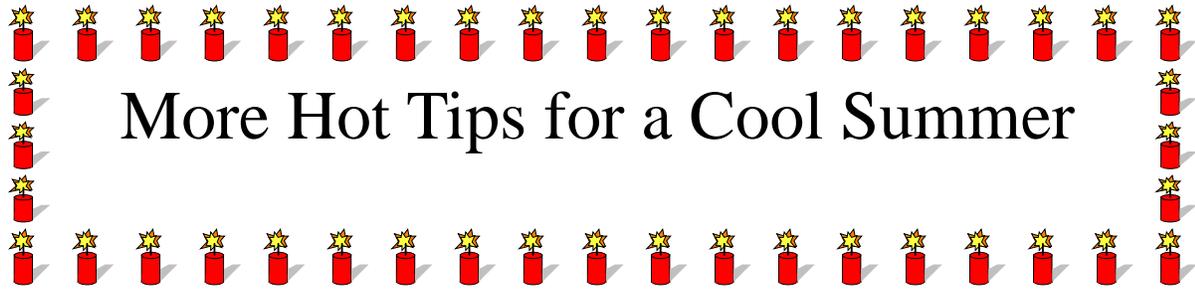
9. **Practice going online to CCISD websites. You need to get in the habit of going to these sites for information or grades.**

10. **Brush up on your technology skills!**

Students will need to be able to do the following:

- **Word Processing on Microsoft Office**
- **Basic formatting functions—i.e. font, size, margins, etc.**
- **Keyboarding speed and accuracy**
- **Safe Internet use**
- **Familiarize yourself with using CCISD’s website and links for students**
- **Saving work on a flash drive**

(Flash Drive is on the supply list.)



More Hot Tips for a Cool Summer

Items available tonight!

1. LCIS Spirit shirts
2. Language Arts Books
3. PTA memberships
4. CASE memberships

4 Key Steps to Better Communication



1. Students should problem solve with teacher at least twice to discuss and resolve issues.
2. Students will then report back to parents with an update and information.
3. Parents and teachers may communicate if issue is not resolved.
4. Teacher/Parent/Student conferences will be scheduled if student issues are still not resolved.



DON'T FORGET!

6th grade Bobcat Camp has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th. Students will receive their schedules, lockers, WAVE transportation information and much more! We hope to see you there!

6th Grade WAVE

Required Summer Reading

1. *Shakespeare's Secret*- Elise Broach
2. Students may select one novel from the 2015-2016 Lone Star Book List.

Please be sure to pick up the 6th grade reading list for the year at the WAVE handout table.