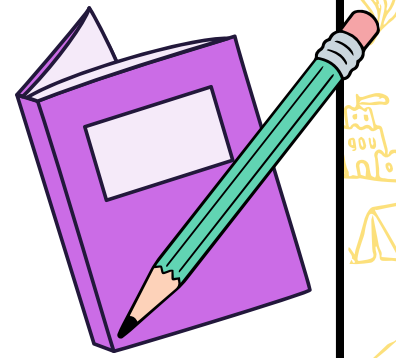


SUMMER READING & WRITING 2026



What if?

For our summer assignment at CDS, we have selected to focus on the question: What if? In order to be successful students and community members, we all need to work together to create a positive environment, overcome obstacles, solve problems, and bounce back from disappointment. This means we need to be able to think creatively, put ourselves in other people's shoes, and be flexible. To get us in the right mindset for all that the 2026-2027 school year brings, we ask that you read the following novels this summer and complete your grade-specific summer writing assignment before returning to school in September.

[Click here for the summer writing assignments.](#)

For students entering the 4th grade in September, you must read:

The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate

For students entering the 5th grade in September, you must read:

Wonder by RJ Palacio

For students entering the 6th grade in September, you must read:

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

For students entering the 7th grade in September, you must read:

Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

For students entering the 8th grade in September, you must read:

Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez

SUMMER MATH 2026

Practice. Reinforcement. Skill-Building.

The purpose of summer math practice at CDS is to allow our students the chance to practice what they have learned during the school year, reinforce the lessons of their teachers, and build their math skills during the weeks away from the classroom. The ultimate goal is to increase their confidence in math and help them feel ready for the upcoming school year. To that end, the work that we have selected is meant to be completed over a number of days/weeks. It is not intended to be done all at once. Students should use the suggestions offered by their teachers to guide their pace. All students should bring their completed math packets on the first day of school. Click below for your grade specific packet.

[Rising 4th grade packet](#)

[Rising 5th grade packet](#)

[Rising 6th grade packet](#)

[Rising 7th grade packet](#)

[Rising 8th Algebra A packet](#)

[Rising 8th Algebra B packet](#)