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Enjoy Summer Break

The summer countdown has begun and no doubt teachers and students alike are ready to exit the classroom and enter the world of sleeping late, days in the sun, and fun times with family and friends. It is time to relax and unwind. It is time to take a few weeks and improve your best asset—you!

Here are some tips to help you take advantage of Summer 2018.

1. Rework the Worst to Be the Best

Based on student feedback, rework your least engaging lessons to make them the most exciting lessons you teach next year.

2. Prepare Platforms

Reevaluate online platforms and learn what you could be doing. Revisit your favorite sites to see what new features they've added.

3. Learn and Share

Read, watch videos, and share what you've learned. A powerful network of educators is emerging inside our Google world.

4. Connect with Colleagues

Educators can be so inspiring. Take time to read blogs, articles, and books and learn best practices.

5. Revitalize Your Physical Health

Your health impacts your mood and your ability to perform at peak levels. Rest and relaxation makes everyone feel better!

6. Be Prepared to Hit a Home Run on the First Day

If you're watching baseball this summer, there's nothing more exhilarating than when a hitter slams a home run on the first at bat. Then, if he does it another time, everyone is even more wowed and amazed. **You can be that teacher that knocks it out of the park!**

Spotlight on Excellence



Students in Monica Cline's first grade class at Star Elementary used counters to create models as they played a math game during center time. Using manipulatives to engage in model building is a critical part in helping students develop a conceptual understanding of important mathematical ideas.

Remember: Build It, Draw It, Write It, Say It.

Coming Events

- ◆ May 28 Memorial Day
- ◆ June 4 Last Day for Students
- ◆ June 5 Conference Planning Day
- ◆ June 6-7 Curriculum Planning Days

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