

# Team Excel

Welcome parents and students to Team Excel! We are looking forward to an **excellent** year! On the next few pages you will find information about our team and summer homework requirements. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone at boot camp. ★

## Attendance

It is important that your child be at school every day. Often students do not do well because they miss important instruction due to attendance. We know things come up and kids get sick, but please make every effort to be here when possible. In the event your child has to miss a day, please send in a doctor's note, or a handwritten note up to 3 days after the absence. It is the responsibility of the student to get the work he/she missed when they return to school.

## BYOT

We will have BYOT days periodically throughout the year. It is not a requirement for students to bring their own technology to school. School devices will be provided for any student who does not bring personal devices if technology is necessary. Students should keep personal devices in their locker at all times until permission is given by the teacher to bring it to class.

## Summer Homework

All students will have summer homework this year for ELA and Math. Information about summer reading is attached. For summer math homework students will need to join our team google classroom (use code: her7jk). Find the link to your KHAN class with Mrs. McCranie as the coach and complete the fifth grade mission. Your Khan Class Code: **5FC3ST8T**

## Helpful Websites & Apps

Please sign up for our Team Excel Remind (see attached information). This will allow you to get reminders about homework, upcoming quizzes and tests, projects, field trips, etc.

Please utilize Parent Portal. This is the easiest way to keep up with your student's grades. Parents/guardians should use the information on Parent Portal to talk with their children about their progress at school. We encourage you to download the app on your child's device as well.

# Team Excel 2019-2020

## Supply List

### ***Personal supplies:***

- (1) 3 inch binder
- (1) 1.5 inch binder
- 8 tabbed dividers
- 2 composition books (Please be careful to purchase 100 page books.)
- Notebook paper
- Loose leaf graph paper (squares should be large enough to write numbers inside)
- Blue/black pens
- Ruler
- Basic calculator
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Sticky notes
- Highlighters
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Glue bottle
- Fiscar Scissors (small blunt tip safety scissors)
- Pencil bag/box (Please get one large enough to hold supplies- it will be carried from class to class each day)

### ***Team Supplies: (to be turned in to the teacher)***

- Kleenex
- Ziploc Bags (quart and gallon)
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes (Clorox or store brands)
- Pencils
- Cap erasers

\*\* Supplies may be brought to boot camp to put in lockers

\***Note:** supplies for connection classes may vary and are not on this list.

## Team Excel 2019-2020

# Boot Camp

As a means of orientation, our team will have a summer boot camp to get students on board and ready for the school year on **Wednesday, July 31, 2019**. The camp will be held from **1:00 PM - 3:30 PM** with a parent meeting at **3:30 PM**, which will last about thirty minutes. This orientation will be held at LCMS-West. We will be addressing the schedule, behavior expectations, supplies needed, team routines, and procedures. Come prepared to complete first day paperwork, and complete proof of residency on Parent Portal. While attendance is not mandatory, this will be our ***team's only open house and a time for students and parents to meet with their teachers and ask questions about the upcoming school year***. From past experience, we have found that this is a great opportunity to get your student started off on the right foot for middle school.

**Student Drop Off:** 1:00 PM in LCMS West Gym Parking Lot

**Student Pick Up:** Pick up your child after attending the parent meeting

**Parent Meeting:** 3:30 PM-until in the media center, park and enter in the front of the school

### **Students will:**

- do team building activities
- tour the school
- be assigned lockers
- practice opening lockers

**At the parent meeting**, we will discuss expectations. We will be providing handouts with important policies and procedures identified. This will also be a time where you can complete first day paperwork. Additionally, we will be available to answer any questions.

\*\*\*Students can bring locker/agenda money (\$12-checks made payable to LCMS W) to boot camp. You can hand it in at the parent meeting. Please put this in a sealed envelope with your student's name on it (exact amount only). You can pay for locker/agenda online at our school store using the link below.

<https://lcmswest.revtrak.net/Lockers-and-Student-Agenda/> Locker/Agenda \$12

**REMIND:** Please join our team remind to get updated information and reminders throughout the summer (directions attached).

*We look forward to seeing all of you there!*

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# Sign up for important updates from your Team Excel teachers.

Get information for Lee County Middle School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for 19-20 Excel:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/1920excel](http://rmd.at/1920excel)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

rmd.at/1920excel

Join 19-20 Excel

Full Name

First and Last Name

Phone Number or Email Address

(555) 555-5555

**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @1920excel to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @1920excel to (678) 973-1550.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*

To

81010

Message

@1920excel

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/1920excel](http://rmd.at/1920excel) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

## Summer Reading Expectations - Lee County Middle School West

All rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade LCMSW students will be expected to read over the summer.

**6th Grade: 800 pages**

You can document these books digitally and submit via Google classroom, or you can print and hand in to your ELA teacher on the first day of school. **This will be your first grade in ELA/Reading for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Google Classroom Code for Team Excel: her7jk**

**FREE** ways to access text over the summer:

<b>Get Georgia Reading</b>	Go to <a href="http://www.myon.com/login/index.html">www.myon.com/login/index.html</a> and enter your login information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o School Name: <b>Get Georgia Reading</b> <i>(type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu)</i></li> <li>o Username: <b>leecounty</b></li> <li>o Password: <b>read</b></li> <li>• <b>Click the Sign In button.</b></li> <li>• <b>Select a book and start reading!</b></li> </ul>
<b>RBDigital</b>	Check with Lee County Public Library - Digital library books
<b>GaPines</b>	Check with Lee County Public Library - Request checkouts of digital and text resources
<b>Local Library</b>	Check with Lee County Public Library

### Additional Resources:

<a href="http://uga.readingprograms.org/ms">http://uga.readingprograms.org/ms</a>	UGA Speed Reading and Study Skills Program for Entering 6th-8th
<a href="https://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know_the_facts">https://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know_the_facts</a>	National Summer Learning Association
<a href="https://lexile.com/parents-students/find-books-at-the-right-level/building-a-summer-reading-list/">https://lexile.com/parents-students/find-books-at-the-right-level/building-a-summer-reading-list/</a>	Lexile Resources
<a href="https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Summer-Reading-Challenge.aspx">https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Summer-Reading-Challenge.aspx</a>	Georgia's Summer Reading Challenge - GADOE

# STOP SUMMER SLIDE WITH SUMMER READING

Summer vacation means more than just fun in the sun. When students head out of the classroom and take a break from the books, they risk serious summer learning loss that can negatively impact long-term academic achievement.

**STOP SUMMER SLIDE BY THE NUMBERS**

**1 MONTH**  
Reading proficiency gained by students who read during the summer months.

**2-3 MONTHS**  
Reading development lost by students who don't read over summer vacation.

**25%** of students print books for summer reading, according to one study.

Low-income students, who often lack access to books, are most likely to fall behind their peers.

Summer vacation creates a **3 MONTH GAP** in reading achievement between students from low and middle-income families.

Over time, these lost months add up to years. By the end of 5th grade, students who don't read during the summer fall nearly **2 YEARS BEHIND** those who do.

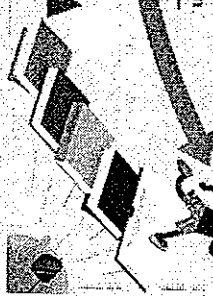
By high school, 2/3 of the reading achievement gap can be attributed to summer learning loss during the elementary years.

**FORTUNATELY, RESEARCH POINTS TO A SOLUTION.**

**4 to 6 Books** read over summer vacation has the potential to **STOP**—

or even **REVERSE**—summer slide.

READING PROFICIENCY



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Book 1  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The best character of this book was \_\_\_\_\_  
 because \_\_\_\_\_

Book 2  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 would or would not recommend this book because \_\_\_\_\_

*Book 3*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

The most surprising part of the book was when

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Book 4*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite or least favorite scene/aspect of this book was

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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*Book 5*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

When I finished reading this book I felt

\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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