

Dear parents,

Hope you are well,

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child's summer vacation activities. Like most parents, you are aware that while the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall.

Summer learning loss – decreased academic performance following an extended school break, typically during the period after one grade ends and before another grade starts is a well-documented phenomenon.

In an effort to lessen this effect, DeBakey High School is set to offer Evidence

Based English literacy Program to its students from Grade 5 – Grade 11. Based on the TEKs curriculum, there are missions assigned for each student, including a focus on: Grammar, Comprehension and Spelling strands.

### **The Grammar and Punctuation Program**

The Grammar and Punctuation Program aims to enhance the skills, knowledge, and understanding of word composition, phrases and clauses, as well as the rules, principles and word order of how to speak and write effectively using the English language.

### **The Comprehension Program**

The Comprehension Program focuses on student texts pitched at their instructional level of reading and comprehension. These texts improve comprehension by building student vocabulary combined with text analysis activities, as well as encouraging the regular practice of deep reading exercises.

## **The Spelling Program**

The Spelling Program has been developed with the understanding that spelling and vocabulary knowledge is fundamental to student success in both reading and writing. This program enables students to learn and acquire thousands of new words that can be applied in real-world contexts.

Interested?

Here are the steps to log onto the platform:

1. Link: <https://www.literacyplanet.com/>
2. Select log in and enter the username/password shared with your child. (*English teachers will email the usernames and passwords to your child's school email address*)
3. Allow the platform to load content based on your child's set learning level.
4. The assigned missions based on each strand will appear on the home screen.
5. Student's progress and participation will be tracked throughout the summer. The mission progress, strand report and improvement report shall be shared with all students upon the start of the next academic year. These missions are created in a game based learning environment packaged with comprehensive educational activities.

For any questions or queries, please feel free to email Ms. Abida Fahim, DeBakey High School Librarian using this email:

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Thank you for your cooperation,