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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Summer vacation is nearly here! It's a time when our children can play, rest, and explore. However, after the first few days of vacation have passed, how often have you heard the phrase, "**I'M BORED!!?**"

Shenendehowa has invested in the Renzulli Learning System for all K-5 students. Renzulli Learning is an internet-based educational tool which provides **FUN, ENGAGING** and **MEANINGFUL** activities that are differentiated to meet your child's interests and needs! In order to use Renzulli, students must register for an account and complete an interest profile. Renzulli Learning screens websites for safety and appropriate educational content. Activities and websites must pass an extensive criteria test before being added to the Renzulli database. While teachers are preparing to make use of this resource in the Fall, we wanted to provide you the opportunity to explore Renzulli Learning as a family over the summer.

**So what can my child do with Renzulli Learning?**

- ★ Tour the White House in Washington D.C., the Louvre Museum in Paris, or the Sydney Aquarium in Australia
- ★ Fly a space ship to explore the planets by entering their multiplication facts
- ★ Watch a speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ★ Travel through a 3D prototype of a plant or animal cell
- ★ Learn their letters, numbers, and phonics through interactive animations
- ★ Experience a story through animated E-books that helps them learn to read...and much more!



**Has your child registered?** Most students had an opportunity to register for Renzulli at school. Ask your child if he or she has. If not, please help your child follow the enclosed **Student Registration** instructions. Registration can be done on *any* computer connected to the internet including at home, the public library, etc. When creating a Renzulli account, we recommend that students use the same username and password that they regularly use in the computer lab at school.

**Username\***: first 4 letters of last name + first 4 letters of first name (Example: Joseph Smith = **smitjose**)

**Password**: All K-4 students use **123456**; 5<sup>th</sup> graders choose unique passwords in the beginning of the year. Your child should be able to confirm his or her username and password.

*For future reference, it may be helpful to record your child's Renzulli username and password here:*

Renzulli User Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Renzulli Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has your child completed the Renzulli Profile?** The **Profile** is a series of questions about your child's talents, interests and learning styles. Based on responses to the Profile, Renzulli offers customized resources and activities. Renzulli Learning resources are not accessible until the Profile is completed. While some students completed the Profile in school, many did not. Follow the enclosed **Renzulli Student Profiler** instructions to complete, view or update a Profile.

**Parent Accounts:** Parents may monitor their child(ren)'s Renzulli Learning activities by creating an account linked to their child(ren)'s accounts. Please see the enclosed **Parent Site Directions** for details. You will need your child(ren)'s Renzulli user name and password to register as a parent.

Thank you for being a partner in education as we strive to provide the best learning experiences for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa Thayer-Synder  
Deputy Superintendent