Getting Started with Summer 2020 PALS 8 and Proposed Schedule

To Start:

- Read through the enclosed welcome letter and this proposed schedule
- Put on your PALS t-shirt and get excited!
- Send an email to PALS@andover.edu to confirm that you have received your package in the mail!

Big Life Journal for Teens

- Chapter 1 – It All Starts Here

Week 1:
Big Life Journal for Teens

- Chapter 2 – Exploring You

Barron’s Test Prep SSAT/ISEE, 4th edition

- Chapter 1 – Introduction to the SSAT and ISEE Exams; which provides information about the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) and the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE), what to expect in each test, how they are the same, and how they are different
- Read the weekly email update from PALS Summer
- Check http://www.andover.edu/pals/2020PALS8 for additional resources!
- Send a picture of yourself reading, studying, or journaling to PALS@andover.edu (extra credit: wear your PALS t-shirt!)

Week 2:
Big Life Journal for Teens

- Chapter 3 – Dreaming Up Your Life

SSAT/ISEE Preparation

- Look at the testing requirements for the high schools where you are currently interested in applying – some might accept both the SSAT and ISEE, others might only take one (SSAT or ISEE).
- Start a list of the schools and these requirements
- Determine which test(s) you will need to take in order to complete your applications in the winter
- Read the weekly email update from PALS Summer
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Week 2 – continued:
- Send an email to PALS@andover.edu answering the following questions:
  - What is one thing you have learned so far in PALS 8?
  - What do you still want to learn more about?

Week 3:
*Big Life Journal for Teens*
- Chapter 4 – From Dreams to Reality

*Barron’s Test Prep SSAT/ISEE, 4th edition*
This book contains two practice tests for each exam. Once you decide which test(s) you will most likely be taking (Week 2), take one practice exam before you begin studying. (You should plan to take the second practice exam after completing the whole book and shortly before you will take the real exam).
- Take and score a practice test [write the score in your book so you don’t forget!]
  - SSAT Practice Test 1 (p. 257): 2 hours 35 minutes
  - ISEE Practice Test 1 (p. 373): 2 hours 40 minutes

- Read the weekly email update from PALS Summer
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- What’s on your mind? Send any questions or thoughts about the work you are doing to PALS@andover.edu

Week 4 (& Beyond):
*Big Life Journal for Teens*
- Chapter 5 – The Key to Success

*Barron’s Test Prep SSAT/ISEE, 4th edition*
- Start preparing for the tests! Begin with the sections that you enjoy the most or performed the best on and then move to the ones that you need more practice on:
  - Mathematics Review
  - Verbal Skills Review
  - Reading Comprehension Review
  - Essay Writing

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- Take the online end-of-PALS Summer survey (to be emailed to you this week)
- Send a video or written response to PALS@andover.edu answering the following questions:
  - How has PALS 8 enriched your summer break?
  - In what ways do you feel better prepared to succeed in Grade 8 and for the high school application process?
  - What was your favorite part about PALS 8 and why?