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Dear Parent(s) of Current Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grade Students,

I write to share important information with you. Our district is continuing its summer reading program in grades 1-7. Research indicates that summer reading will help to maintain your child's reading skills, may improve his/her reading fluency, and, most importantly, has the potential to develop, in your child, a lifelong love of reading.

Attached with this correspondence is a suggested summer reading list of books that may help you match your child's ability and interest levels with appropriate texts. There is a great deal of variability between and among these books, even intra-grade level. In other words, books within a particular grade level may be too easy or too challenging for your child depending on the book's theme and ideas, content, font size, sentence complexity, vocabulary, and/or language and literary features. You may include titles not on this list that you or your child has self-selected as a part of this summer project.

The guidelines for this reading program are simple. Students are encouraged to read as much as possible over the summer months. Students may read with you (shared reading), may have you read to them (Read Aloud), may read to themselves (independent reading) or you may engage in a combination of any of the above with your child.

The three types of reading listed above require a different level of adult support and a different level of independence on the part of the child. The Read Aloud is equally as important as independent reading in building a sense of story structure, concepts of print, and familiarity with language features.

Please assist your child with maintaining a reading log. The purpose of the reading log is to chart the title and author of the books read and the completion date of each book. When school begins again in the fall, your child's teacher will review your child's reading log.

Please add this summer reading enterprise to your list of adventures and events you will experience and enjoy during this time of year. I wish you and your family a safe and rejuvenating summer season. Thank you for participating in this project.

Best regards,

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