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Did you know... reading just 4–5 books during the summer can prevent a decline in a child's fall reading scores!

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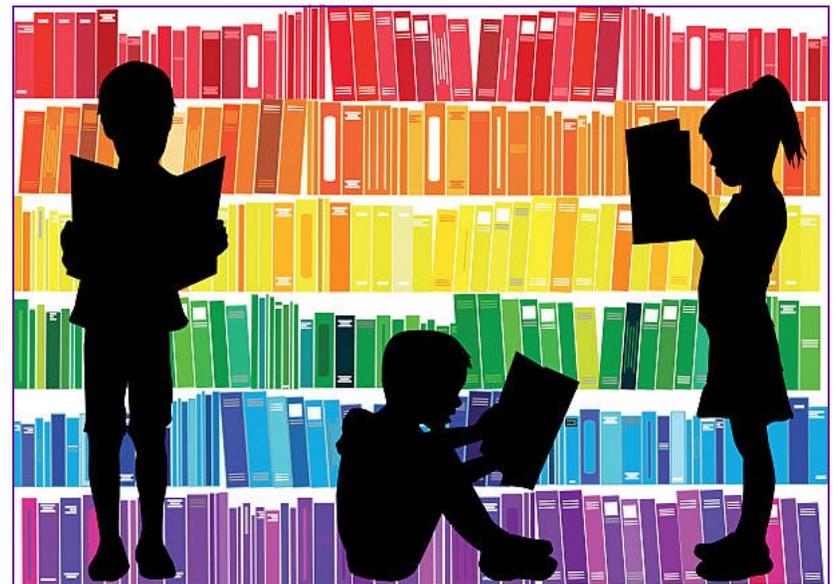
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Encourage Summer Reading



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

First, I extend to you and your child my best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

A child's first and very important teacher is you..... the parent. Parents play an important role in motivating children to read during the summer months. Summer reading is extremely important in developing life-long reading habits, promoting a love of reading, and maintaining literacy skills. Studies have shown that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the fall.

I am asking you to review these enclosed summer reading tips and I strongly urge you to encourage your child to read every day during the summer months.

Combine activities with books. Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities such as going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity?

Visit the library. If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many libraries have fun, child-friendly summer programs.

Lead by example. Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their day.

Talk it up. Talking with your kids about what you have read lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you. Soon, they might start doing the same.

Relax the rules for summer. During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is the time when children can read what, when and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

Have plenty of reading material around. Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines and information material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

Use books to break the boredom. Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids favorite reading series along on road trips.

Happy Reading! And, have a safe & restful summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Wanko".

Dr. Michael A. Wanko
Interim Superintendent

*"Knowledge is power."
Sir Francis Bacon*