Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard all year in school! Research shows that students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. This translates into a “summer slide” of about two months loss in reading progress!

You can help reduce summer slide by encouraging your child to read over the summer. A little bit every day can make a BIG difference – whether it’s a book, a recipe, a menu or an article in a newspaper or magazine. There are opportunities everywhere!

In order for your child to receive credit for his/her summer reading, be sure to return this form during the first week of school.

Here’s to making this a great summer of reading!
YOU ARE INVITED!

We invite you to participate in The Summer Reading Challenge! Can you check off ALL of the sun shapes on the back of this pamphlet? Will you find a very unusual place to do some of your summer reading? Are you going to read enough hours to win some prizes when you come back to school in September? WE HOPE SO! Just follow the steps below!

Step 1: On the lines below, fill out your name, the grade you will enter in September, and your new teacher’s name (if you know it).

Step 2: Start reading! Every time you read for 15 minutes, neatly put a check mark in one sun on the back of this page. WHAT?? You read for 30 minutes? Check off 2 suns!!

Step 3: Keep reading! Make time every day if you can. Remember, you can read books, magazines, poems, recipes, menus – anything and everything you can get your hands on! Make sure to read both fiction AND non-fiction – it’s good to try all kinds of books!

Step 4: Ask your parent or guardian to sign below to show how proud they are of all of the reading you did!

Step 5: Return this completed form to your new teacher during the first week of school in September.

NAME ___________________________________ Grade in Sept. 2017________

Parent Signature: ____________________________ Teacher ________________

# of hours I read ______________ The BEST place I read________________

Recommended Authors

Grades K-2
Margaret Wise Brown
Eric Carle
Leo Leonni
Mary Pope Osborne
Dr. Seuss
Patricia Polacco
Barbara Park
Donald Crews
Lois Ehlert
Bill Martin Jr.
Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Tomie DePaola
Maurice Sendak
Jane Yolen
Gail Gibbons

Grades 3-5
Sharon Creech
Louis Sachar
Lemony Snicket
Shel Silverstein
Kate DiCamillo
Jeff Kinney
RJ Palacio
Lois Lowry
Jack Prelutsky
Diane Stanley
Beverly Cleary
Lauren Tarshis
EB White
Roald Dahl
Judy Blume
Jean Fritz
Seymour Simon

Summer Reading Ideas

• Visit Richard’s Memorial Library
• Visit a local bookstore
• Listen to books while driving
• Take turns reading
• Find fun places to read
• Try a new book series
• Re-read an old favorite
• Swap books with a friend
• Find books at a thrift store

Check out these summer reading challenges:

• Scholastic.com/summer
• Bookworm Wednesdays at Showcase Cinemas
• TD Bank Summer Reading
  www.tdbank.com/summerreading