



From the desk of
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Summer Reading Program

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. In an effort to keep all of our students reading at-level over the summer months – I am happy to announce that we have a new program that will help us achieve this goal.

You know as well as I do that in order for students to reach their full potential, they need a strong foundation in reading and writing. Reading outside of the classroom is critical for maintaining and expanding a child's literacy skills especially over the extended summer break. In fact, research suggests that students should spend a minimum of 20 minutes a day reading outside of the classroom.

I'm pleased to announce the launch of our new Summer Reading Program. The goals of this program are simple:

- Encourage students to become lifelong readers
- Teach students how to think critically about what they're reading
- Connect students and families with local libraries, book stores, and community organizations
- Expose students to different types of authors and characters
- Help students develop reading and writing skills through different types of reading experiences

The packs of books we'll be sending home with each child this summer will allow you the opportunity to spend quality time with your child while also strengthening his or her reading comprehension, vocabulary, critical thinking and conversation skills. Please accept these books and activities as my way of saying "Read Every Day. Live a Better Life!"

Sincerely,

Dr. Aline Clifford
Superintendent of School,
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