Summer Reading 2021

Be a Reading Family and Commit to Summer Reading!

The research says: “Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child's reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs.” (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent: when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

Our goal is to keep students reading and participating in formal literacy programs when away from the classroom and not during summer vacation. Several research studies have shown that reading loss occurs even during very short periods of time and can be significant for all children. The earlier the summer vacation when they are away from school, the longer the reading loss and the harder it is to close the gap when they return in the fall. We want to stop the slide in reading levels that can occur during summer vacation, when they are away from school and from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs. Our goal is to keep students reading over the summer months to prevent this reading loss.

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Summer Reading: Tips for Families

- Be sure the summer schedule includes trips to the library.
- Encourage your child to talk with you about the books he/she is reading.
- Turn off the TV and video games for part of each day. Set aside time throughout the day to share and talk about the books you are both reading.
- Be a model for reading.
- Encourage your child to read all types of materials: newspapers, information books, comics, picture books, chapter books, magazines, and poetry, rhymes and even riddles.
- Always praise your child’s efforts and interest in books.
- You can help prevent reading loss this summer!