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!

Sign up for Beanstock!

Sign-up for beanstock and keep track of your reading progress and achievements.

To sign-up online go to www.aacpl.net/beanstock-reading or fill out this form and return it to your local library branch.

Student’s Name__________________________

Age_______Grade________

E-mail_______________________________

Zipcode____________________________

Parent Resources

www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en

www.scholastic.com/parents/

www.pbs.org/parents/

www.todaysparent.com/family/

fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

For more information contact the Elementary Reading & Integrated Literacy Office at 410-222-5455
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 year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop the summer learning slide.

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The titles on this list are suggestions, and other books may be substituted. Ask your librarian for recommendations.