



## MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

Dear Primary School families,

The upcoming summer vacation is not only the perfect time for your children to play, visit new places, and spend extra time with family and friends – it is also the perfect time to maintain reading momentum and develop new skills. We encourage your child to continue reading independently and for you to continue reading aloud to your child on a regular basis during the summer. Research shows that hearing books read aloud is directly correlated to a child's future academic growth and success in school.

We suggest that you and your children read from a variety of genres such as picture books, poetry, fairy tales, early chapter books ("easy readers"), and non-fiction books. We always encourage students to pursue their own reading interests, but if you want suggestions, Ms. Glynn, Primary School Librarian, has posted a list of recommended books for students at each grade level on the Primary School Library's website. The suggested summer reading list includes a variety of reading levels to support the diverse needs of our students. You can access the suggested summer reading list via the following link:

[https://libguides.mka.org/summer\\_reading](https://libguides.mka.org/summer_reading)

In addition to the summer reading list, you will find additional resources on the Library website. For example, you can access MKA's **Tumblebook Library** e-book collection, which includes animated talking picture books in English, French, and Spanish, as well as nonfiction books and educational games (<http://tinyurl.com/mkaebooks>).

Please keep in mind that your local public library is another terrific resource for books and reading lists. We encourage your family to join your public library's summer reading program for children.

Have a wonderful summer!

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