

June 2021

Dear Parents,

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, but 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, the Primary School Librarians will post a list of recommended books for students at each grade level on the Primary School Library's website on Friday, June 11. 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 after June 11 via the following link:

https://libguides.mka.org/summer_reading

In addition to the summer reading list, you will find additional resources on the Library website at <https://libguides.mka.org/pslibrary>. For example, you can access MKA's Tumblebook Library, which includes animated talking picture books, as well as nonfiction books and educational games, in addition to our Sora e-book collection.

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!

Sincerely,

Crystal Glynn
Primary School Librarian