



# St. Anne's-Belfield School

Dear Rising Grades 1-4 Families,

It has been a joy to witness our students' love of reading grow throughout the school year. This summer, we encourage students to enjoy reading books of their choice and continue their habit of reading daily.

Research shows that reading over the summer provides many advantages for students and helps them to maintain their progress. Research also tells us that the reality of summer reading loss is well documented.

The summer months provide an opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences. Encourage your child to read daily. Book recommendations are provided on the School website's Summer Reading page.

Below are ideas for enriching your child's reading over the summer:

- Draw a picture of or describe your favorite character
- Draw a picture of or describe your favorite part
- Design a new book cover
- Design a bookmark that represents the story
- Write a new ending or additional chapter
- Create a comic strip or graphic novel summary
- Record a video book review
- Write a letter to a friend or teacher about the book
- Participate in a book club with friends
- Write a letter to the author
- Visit the author's website
- Add your book recommendations to our Saints Summer Reading Padlet

*Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!*

*Sincerely,*

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