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Dear Student and Family:

You have learned so much in reading and math this year! It is important to keep practicing your skills during the summer to be ready to enter your next grade. In this packet, you will find information to support the Summer Learning activities to maintain or extend your reading and math skills.

Read, Renew, Repeat is the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The Governor's reading challenge is for all Connecticut students to read as many books as possible over the summer. Washington Primary School will be participating in this challenge with a school goal of 100% student participation. Included in the Governor's Challenge is an invitation for families to visit local libraries and StoryWalks at Connecticut state parks. The Gunn Memorial Library is a great resource offering many engaging reading activities over the summer. **All books read and visits are to be recorded in the [Reading Journal](#).** In addition, [Riding and Reading](#) is a resource to support literacy if you are traveling this summer. To support our growing readers, students in grades K-2 will receive three books to kick start their summer reading. **Please be sure your student returns the three books at the start of the next school year along with their Reading Journal.**

To support participation, **each student will receive a pre-stamped postcard to share their favorite book with me over the summer! All postcards will be entered into a drawing during our first Town Meeting.** In addition, students will receive a raffle ticket for every book read and a bonus ticket for every chapter book read. **Tickets will be given to students in September and one ticket will be selected school-wide. That winner will serve as the Principal for the Day.** All students who participate will receive a certificate of achievement and will participate in a ***Book and Blanket*** reading time outside. Let's embrace the challenge and reach 100% participation for the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge! We can do it!

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Blast Off to Math Success is the 2024 Commissioner of Education's Summer Math Challenge. It is a free on-line math challenge designed to help students in kindergarten and beyond retain math skills. Students in grades 3-5 can participate in the online [Khan Academy Get Ready Courses](#) and K-5 students can complete the [Summer Math Passport](#) tasks. Both opportunities will provide practice with math facts, concepts and problem solving. Use the [Math Log](#) to record math activities. Along with the on-line math challenge, increase math fact fluency by practicing basic facts for the [WPS Summer Fact Challenge](#). Check out the fun games you can play with a traditional deck of cards and look for the game sent home by your child's teacher. ***Those students who return math logs and who demonstrate their fact knowledge in September will join the WPS Math Wall of Fame and be entered into a drawing for our first Town Meeting.***

Your Governor's Reading Challenge journal and math log need to be returned to your classroom teacher by **Friday, August 30, 2024**. Remember that practicing learned skills and growing new skills will help you enter the next grade ready for all the new learning to come. Further information about each challenge can be found on our school website. Best wishes for a relaxing and productive summer filled with lots of fun and exciting reading and math thinking!

Sincerely,

Emily Judd, Principal

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