

SUMMER

Reading



DEAR PARENTS,

As we approach the end of a wonderful school year, we want to thank you for your support in your child's learning journey. Summer is a time for rest, play, and adventure, but it is also a critical time to maintain the reading skills your child has worked so hard to develop.

WHAT IS THE "SUMMER SLIDE"?

Research shows that students can lose one to two months of reading proficiency over the summer break if they do not engage in regular reading. This phenomenon, often called the "summer slide," can result in students starting the new school year behind where they left off.

HOW TO PREVENT THE SLIDE

Just 20 minutes a day of reading can make a huge difference in maintaining, and even improving, your child's literacy skills. Here are some easy ways to keep your child reading:

- Choice is Power: Let your child choose what they read! Comics, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, and chapter books all count.
- Visit the Library: Take advantage of your local library's summer reading challenges.
- Be a Role Model: Let your child see you reading books, magazines, or newspapers.
- Read Everywhere: Bring books along to the beach, the park, or on long car rides.
- Audiobooks Count: Listening to stories is a great way to improve comprehension and vocabulary, especially for reluctant readers.

Summer reading shouldn't feel like homework. Use this time to explore new worlds, read together before bed, or have your child read a recipe while you are cooking.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading.

Have a safe and happy summer!



THE LOWER SCHOOL TEACHERS



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READING PROGRAMS/INCENTIVES:

MISHAWAKA-PENN-HARRIS
PUBLIC LIBRARY



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY



ELKHART
PUBLIC LIBRARY



BARNES & NOBLE



HALF PRICE BOOKS



PIZZA HUT



CHUCK E. CHEESE



You may also choose to create your own rewards with your child; ice-cream, a day at the park, choose dinner etc.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for a new book? Scan the QR code below to find some popular titles.



SHARE YOUR READING

Let's celebrate reading! Take a picture of your child reading this summer and submit it to our Summer Reading Dropbox. We'll display these pictures on Stanley Clark's monitors during the August Meet & Greet.

