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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is finally here, and it's time for adventure! This year, our Project Summer Read theme is "**Unearth a Story**," and we are encouraging students to dig deep into the exciting world of books.

Keeping up a daily reading habit over the summer helps children maintain vital literacy skills, grow their vocabulary, and sharpen critical thinking. To help your child strike gold with great books, we are sending home a packet filled with recommendations and resources.

Ready to start digging? Here is how you can help at home:

- **Carve out time:** Set aside daily time for quiet, independent reading or sharing family stories.
- **Follow their curiosity:** Let your child explore new genres, authors, and diverse characters that interest them.
- **Dig deeper into the text:** Talk about stories together. Ask questions, share your favorite parts, and imagine alternative endings.
- **Explore local treasures:** Visit the White Plains Public Library! Check our website for a calendar of their exciting summer events.
- **Uncover free books:** Check out our website to learn how your child can earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program.

For digital book lists, activities, and resources, scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/read>.

We hope your summer is filled with fun, sunshine, and wonderful discoveries!

Respectfully,

Dr. Debbie Hand

