## Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as $22 \%$ of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!
*Research from Reading is Fundamental http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/ articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-slide.htm

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## Read a

## Book Online

## Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online-celebrities read aloud favorite children's books
http://www.storylineonline.net

International Children's
Library-a large collection of stories from around the world http://en.childrenslibrary.org

Storynory-a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online
http://www.storynory.com
PBS Kids-fun, animated stories perfect for reading along
http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/


Also, check with your local library. Many lend free ebooks for Kindle or other tablets!

Recommended
Authors

Grades K-2
Margaret Wise Brown
 Eric Carle
Leo Leonni
Mary Pope Osborne Dr. Seuss
Sandra Boynton
Barbara Park
Donald Crews Lois Ehlert

Bill Martin Jr. Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Tomie DePaola
Steven Kellogg
Maurice Sendak Jane Yolen

Grades 3-5
Sharon Creech
Louis Sachar
Lemony Snicket
Shel SIverstein
Jeff Kinney
RJ Palacio
Lois Lowry
Jack Prelutsky
Madeline L'Engle
Beverly Cleary
Patricia Polacco EB White
Roald Dahl
Chris VanAllsburg
Judy Blume
Jean Fritz

## Summer Reading Ideas

*Visit the public library
*Visit the bookstore
*Listen to books while driving
*Take turns reading
*Find fun places to read
*Try a new book series
*Re-read an old favorite

* Swap books with a friend
*Find books at a thrift store
*Read books about places you hope to visit one day *Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
*Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
*Read books, then watch the movie version and compare



## Summer Reading

 ChallengeGoal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!


I read $\qquad$ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:

## A Guide for Parents



