



Plymouth Public Schools 2018 Elementary Summer Reading Program

Dear Families:

We are pleased to present the 2018 Plymouth Public Schools' Elementary Summer Reading Program, offered in conjunction with the Plymouth Public Library's program, "Libraries Rock!" We hope to encourage our students to incorporate daily reading into their summer activities. Research shows that frequent independent reading has a direct correlation to reading achievement and improves vocabulary and writing skills. Students who do not read over the summer often experience a "summer slide," dropping as many as two or three reading levels. The more students read, the better readers they become - and it is just plain fun too! We also encourage parents to read with their child, as reading aloud is another powerful way to enhance vocabulary, model fluent and expressive reading, and build listening comprehension.

Students are encouraged to read ANY BOOK of their choice. The attached list has been compiled to give RECOMMENDATIONS for students in Grades K-2 and 3-5. Rather than listing specific titles, we have chosen to highlight popular series as well as children's book authors who write in a variety of genres and represent various reading levels and interests. Choice is a key element of fostering a love for reading, and it is our hope that all students will find books that will grab their attention and make summer reading an enjoyable experience.

All incoming Grade 1-5 students are required to complete the elementary recording sheet and one appropriate response form (primary or intermediate) for their favorite book read. These forms are available for download on the Plymouth Public Schools' webpage, and copies will be available at the Administration Building if needed. During the first two weeks of school, students will be asked to turn in their sheets to their new teacher and share their review with their classmates and teachers. All students who complete their reading and turn in their recording sheet and response form will receive a certificate of achievement from their school.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Thank you for your support of the 2018 Summer Reading Program. If you have any questions, please contact your child's building principal or Dr. Lisa White, English Language Arts and Library Media Coordinator at 508.830.4477 or lwhite@plymouth.k12.ma.us.

Have a wonderful summer filled with books!