

# Plymouth Public Schools'

## 2019 Elementary Summer Reading Program



Dear Families:

We are pleased to present the 2019 Plymouth Public Schools' Elementary Summer Reading Program, offered in conjunction with the Plymouth Public Library's program, "A Universe of Stories." 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.

Choice is a key element of fostering a love for reading. Therefore, elementary students are encouraged to read any book or books that they find interesting. Rather than listing specific recommendations for titles or authors, we have compiled a list of websites that offer parents and children many suggestions for books at different age ranges and reading levels. The public library is also a great resource for finding that "just right book." It is our hope that EVERY student will find one or more books that will grab his or her attention and make summer reading an enjoyable experience!

All incoming Grade 1-5 students are required to complete the elementary recording sheet(s) and one reading response form for their favorite book read (primary or intermediate). Please note that upper-grade students may choose from several options. 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 week 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.

***Thank you for your support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program.  
Have a wonderful summer filled with books!***

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](mailto:lwhite@plymouth.k12.ma.us).

