



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that your children will look forward to reading this summer and take the opportunity to engage in many rich and rewarding opportunities to discover books they will truly enjoy.

A bit about the philosophy we follow to support our summer reading...

- The research tells us that students need to read during the summer to ***maintain*** their independent reading levels. In the fall, the impact of a student not having read during the summer months, combined with the fact that many of his/her classmates did read during the summer may result in a reading ability gap that could potentially widen each year making it difficult for students to keep up with grade level expectations.
- Research also tells us that we should encourage students to ***choose*** from a wide variety of books that will allow them to select books that appeal to their individual interests. We want your children to look forward to the luxury of time that summer will provide and allow them to experience the joy of reading books they will love.

With your support, we want to make this another summer that helps your child ***fall in love with reading!*** We encourage students to visit the town library and participate in their summer reading program, swap books with friends, relatives, or stop by the Ruggles Lane library between 9 am – 2 pm on Wednesdays during the summer. We are also excited to provide families with a free app called Open eBooks which gives families access to a digital library of thousands of popular and award-winning children's books. If you would like access to the Open eBooks app for free, please read the information on the next page and email Mrs. Josephson for an access code and PIN – kjosephson@qrsd.org.

We hope that our students will read many, many books this summer. Have fun, read to each other and talk about books. Help your child to see the summer as a time when they can dive into books that feed their imagination and special interests.

Happy Reading,

Kellie Josephson

