



Dear Families,

Our students have worked very hard and are leaving school this year as better readers, writers, mathematicians and researchers. Summer is a great time to read to your children and it is also a wonderful time for students to read for pleasure. Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. All children may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. This summer we are asking all students to select and read both fiction and nonfiction books at their current reading level. Their choices are endless! We have identified a few good books at each level attached. This year your child will also be able to choose the way he/she responds to the books he/she reads. Please see the attached packets which need to be completed and returned to your child’s teacher in September. You will also find a collection of math and science activities that will help you review what your student has learned this school year.

Resources:

[www.booksource.com](http://www.booksource.com) : If you click on the “Reading Levels” tab, you will be able to choose “Guided Reading” and then input your child’s reading level indicated below.

[www.scholastic.com/bookwizard](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard) : This site can be used to find the reading level of a book you already have or to find a list of books at a certain level.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to READ, READ, READ, and READ some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate academic growth.

Educationally yours,

Jess Costelloe

**Mom and Dad, my independent level for summer reading is:**

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