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Dear Lea Students and Families,

Summer is a great time for fun and for doing things with family and friends. But summer is also a time for reading. Students who read over the summer maintain the important academic skills they have worked so hard to learn during the school year.

To encourage your child to enjoy reading this summer, he or she has received this **Summer Literacy Packet**. The packet includes a daily **workbook** to keep academic skills sharp, a **writing journal** with reading response activities, and **book lists** of grade appropriate reading suggestions. Many of these books are available at the Free Library!

Please encourage your child to read every day and to **complete at least ten activities** in the writing journal. We look forward to celebrating our summer reading experiences when school resumes in September. Each child who completes the ten activities will be recognized at a special assembly, and the class with the greatest participation will earn an AWESOME prize!

In addition to the activities in the writing journal, here are some more ideas for how to engage in learning through reading with your child:

- Set aside some reading time for the whole family.
- Take 10 or 15 minutes every day to read a book, a news article, or something from a magazine together aloud.
- Read along with your child and be sure to talk to him/her about the reading.
- Find a reading buddy for your child. A grandparent, neighbor or family friend can often provide some intrinsic motivation. Your child could even start an email or letter conversation about the book.
- Enjoy your public library as much as possible. They're already gearing up for summer reading programs to engage the entire family.
- Most importantly, enjoy reading in front of your children. Talk about the book, newspaper, or magazine you are reading. Your interest in reading will be a good model for your children (yes, even for your teenagers!)*

Happy Reading!

Principal Duffy, Lea Faculty and Staff

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