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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attached is a summer reading list containing titles of books, both fiction and nonfiction, for Kindergarten through fifth grade, including award winners. These books can be easily found at your local library or bookstore.

Libraries can do a search throughout Rhode Island if they do not have a particular book that your child wants to read and have it sent to your local library for you to pick up.

The North Kingstown Free Library offers a summer reading program for kids ages 4 years old through fifth grade. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories". See your local library for events. Prizes are awarded for participation. Here is a quote directly from the RI library site. "You can get your summer reading done while having lots of fun! See magicians, storytellers, artists, dancers, musicians, and poets. Win prizes, including free admission to exciting places. Talk about your favorite books and meet other kids." Also, here are the links for the RI Libraries and other Summer Reading Events for this Summer as well as a link for Free ebooks for kids ages 3-11.

<https://www.weareteachers.com/10-summer-reading-programs-for-kids/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

It is very important for students to continue to read throughout the summer to help maintain the progress they have made including the use of strategies such as decoding, fluency, and comprehension. Students should read at least twenty minutes per day. Partner reading is a good motivator to get some students to read on a daily basis to help strengthen these strategies as well. Our North Kingstown data collection has shown that students who do NOT read over the Summer have dropped an average of two reading levels by September. Without Summer reading, students could return in the Fall significantly behind their peers.

Below are some effective reading strategies to help your child:

- 1) Ask questions while your child is reading the story to check on comprehension.
- 2) Ask your child to go back and read a sentence again if they get stuck on a word or ask them to look for a word part that they know, (i.e. “at” in the word “chat”.)
- 3) Have your child tap out sounds in words from a story if they are having difficulty.
- 4) Tell your child to summarize what the story was about orally or in a journal to incorporate the reading/writing connection.

Please enjoy this packet and record any books that your child has read. Return the list of books that your child has read to school in September along with any journal writing. The Reading Specialist from your school will give students a certificate for their reading and writing efforts from the summer months.

Happy Reading!

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