Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months offer many opportunities for reading enjoyment. Reading over the summer will help your child to maintain his/her reading progress. We hope that you will encourage your child to continue reading.

**Students who will be in Grades K – 2 in September are encouraged to read at least 10 books and complete the attached reading log.** The Summer Reading log is not required, however, students will receive special recognition upon returning a completed log in September. Completed Summer Reading Logs should be returned to your child’s teacher by **September 23, 2019**. As we believe in and stress the importance of reading beyond the school year, we will be offering suggested titles that are developmentally appropriate for all of our students who share varied ability levels, learning styles and interests. Stephen Krashen, a linguist and leading researcher in reading, suggests that an often-overlooked method to improve reading is providing readers with a supply of interesting and accessible books by visiting local libraries and bookstores. Research demonstrates that self-selected voluntary reading leads to the greatest gains in reading achievement. (Krashen, S. The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research, 2nd edition. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.)

Accompanying the reading log is a list of suggested authors, titles, and series that are appropriate for your child’s specific grade or reading level. Students may choose books from the attached list or from our online list. To find this online leveled reading list, go to the Kearny Schools website: [www.kearnyschools.com](http://www.kearnyschools.com). On the main page under District Departments, click on the Curriculum and Instruction tab and then click on the Summer Reading link.

Technology is continuing to grow as an integral component in education today. We invite students to use iPads, Kindles, audiobooks, etc. Students are encouraged to access their Raz- Kids account using [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com) to read leveled books online. We also invite students to go to our Kearny Public Library website: [www.kearnylibrary.org](http://www.kearnylibrary.org) and click on the link for “Tumblebooks” for access to a wide variety of ebooks that are available with a library card to read online.

Happy Reading!

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