

Lacey Township School District

SUMMER READING STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1 - 6

Dear Parents,

The end of the school year is quickly upon us. We hope that you are looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We also hope that you will join the Lacey Township School District in encouraging our students to read during the summer months. Recently released studies suggest that the single most effective way to help children retain what they learned is to keep them reading during the summer months. In addition, the research supports the idea that when students have a choice in their reading selections, they are much more likely to read the material and gain a deeper appreciation for the literature.

Reading as few as six to eight self-selected books helps children return to the classroom ready to learn new material. It is the goal of the school district to provide students with several suggested reading titles, as well as to provide students and parents with resources that will link children to grade appropriate, high interest literature. In support, the Lacey Township Public Library has graciously offered to assist matching students with appropriate books.

As an incentive to encourage reading, students who participate in the Summer Reading Program will receive a "**Summer Reading Challenge**" certificate. In addition, students will receive an entry for a prize drawing for a Barnes and Noble gift card for **every 2 hours of reading completed**. Students can keep track of their reading hours by using the Reading Log found on the Lacey Township School District website under *Students & Families* → *Summer Reading* → *K-6 Summer Reading Parent Information 2018*. Upon return to school, students will turn in reading logs to their teachers, no later than September 14, 2018. This year, we are also encouraging families to Tweet their favorite books with the hashtag **#laceyreads**.

Finally, you are encouraged to read the article, *Stop the Summer Reading Slide* by Meg Lundstrom. The "summer slide" is well-documented by research and states "unless students read regularly during the break, they fall behind about three months in their reading achievement." This article presents several strategies on how to keep students reading throughout the summer vacation. A link to the article is available on our website at laceyschools.org under *Summer Reading Resources*.

We hope that you will join us in encouraging your child to read over the summer months. We appreciate your support and cooperation. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call your child's school.

Our sincere wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Happy reading!