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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the end of the 2009-10 school year approaches, hopefully, one of your goals will be to make reading one of the pastimes that you and your family enjoy this summer. Summer reading supports achievement in all the content areas throughout the school year. We are working hard to ensure high standards and high achievement for all students, and we need the support and encouragement from you, the families, to reach this goal.

All students currently in prekindergarten through grade 5 will be receiving summer reading information. First, there is a list of reading and writing ideas that students can do as soon as summer begins. They can complete these activities in a notebook or journal. Please review the reader response ideas to support your children as they read. Students should also keep a list of the books that they read in the summer, and they can return this list to their teacher in September in order to be credited for their summer reading efforts. Please be sure to sign your name at the end of their reading list. These books that are recorded will count towards the 100-book challenge in the district's *Readers to Leaders* literacy campaign.

Students currently in grade 5 will receive a letter and packet about summer reading from Margaret DiGiulio, the districts' secondary English language arts instructional supervisor. They will be asked to read one non-fiction text from a generated list and complete a writing journal to return to their incoming grade 6 teachers who will discuss the book with students in September.

In addition to the above, the children will also receive information from the Albany Public Library. They will sponsor a reading campaign. They will award prizes for reading books, not to mention story times, crafts and special programs that will run all summer in the various branches. Please encourage your children to **read, read, read** this summer! Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Kim