IMAGINE SCHOOLS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2011

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The summer months are a great opportunity for fun and relaxation; however, the break from school often causes many students to experience a delay in learning. During the summer break, students should read at least 20-30 minutes per day, to improve or retain their reading skills. Research tells us that children who “do not read” or “read without parental/guardian/family guidance,” during the summer, may lose a month or more of reading progress they made in school during the year. With this knowledge, ensure that your child stays engaged in educational summer activities that include reading.

The Center for Summer Learning at John Hopkins Institute suggests ways parents/guardians and family members can help children continue to learn over the summer:

1. Help your child select appropriately leveled books that interest them, not too easy and not too hard.

2. Ask questions about the books/stories read and allow your child to ask questions and summarize the main idea of the story.

4. Reread hard-to-understand passages.

5. **Make reading more of an "interactive process"** in order to boost fluency and comprehension by: sharing books and reading aloud; encouraging regular reading; allowing children to select books they like; registering children for a
library card
; and listening to audiobooks at home and while traveling.

Thank you for your support and enjoy a safe and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

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