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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As the school year comes to an end, we begin to look towards the warm relaxing days of summer. As a district, we want to encourage you to provide your children with opportunities for continued academic growth and development. Research tells us that children who read often are more likely to become *good* readers. *Good* readers are often more successful in school and beyond.

The Elizabeth Public Schools have compiled a Summer Reading List that includes grade/age appropriate, well written, interesting books selected to engage and entertain our young readers. It is our hope that the books on our recommended list encourage the life-long love of reading. A copy of the Summer Reading List is on the district website [www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org). Books on our list can be found in the Elizabeth Public Library, as well as in local bookstores.

***Tips for Families:***

- Combine activities with books, such as reading a book about his or her favorite player before a baseball or soccer game.
- Visit the library to borrow from a wide selection of books or take part in summer reading programs/activities.
- Lead by example by reading the newspaper at breakfast or taking a book to the beach or park.

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- Have plenty of reading material available, including storybooks, newspapers or informational material to spark the interest of a young reader.
- Read aloud with kids to model and encourage reading.

***Online resources to get your child excited about reading:***

*International Literacy Association* (<http://www.literacyworldwide.org/get-resources> )

The International Literacy Association has included reading lists and resources to use with readers.

*Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers* ([www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer](http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer) )

Tips to help young readers, as well as interviews with authors and extensive reading lists.

*Reading Lists From RIF and ALA* ([www.udel.edu/ETL/RWN/ReadingLists.html](http://www.udel.edu/ETL/RWN/ReadingLists.html) )

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) and the American Library Association (ALA) provide grade-level reading lists for kindergartners through 6th graders. Also, check out RIF's summer resources [https://www.rif.org/summer?&s\\_src=/summer&s\\_subsrc=Subpromote](https://www.rif.org/summer?&s_src=/summer&s_subsrc=Subpromote).

Sincerely,

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