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Dear Wemrock Brook Families,

We want to share some exciting information about a summer incentive to get our students to continue reading throughout the summer! This is not homework but is an activity meant to instill a love for reading, and the “adventure” reading can take us on!

Reading is a great way to help children develop vocabulary, increase comprehension and reduce summer learning loss. Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to two months of reading performance. According to research from the Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report™: 6th Edition, 64% of parents with children ages 6–17 have heard of the summer slide—the common loss of academic skills over the school break— from their child’s teacher. The research also reveals that public libraries are the top resource for parents/guardians to ensure their child is reading over the summer.

Here at Wemrock Brook School, we are committed to building a community of readers and have taken steps each year to motivate our students to actively engage with literature and texts over the upcoming summer months. All it takes is 30 minutes per day of reading to keep our skills sharp! The wonderful part is that this activity can occur anywhere – at the beach, beside a pool, sitting outside, sitting inside in the cool air, together with a family member, at bedtime, etc.! However, remember, we still want our students to be kids and enjoy playing and being outside, which helps them learn and grow, too!

To help our students track their reading, we strongly suggest that they complete the online form at the link below each time they complete a book. What a sense of accomplishment to look back and see how many wonderful journeys one could embark upon and how much learning could be done just by reading a book!

<https://forms.gle/RDWMSGkFi2pJE9iR6>

In addition, to further motivate our students to read this summer, we will be offering prizes as part of our school-wide challenge! The five students (top student in each grade level) that read the most books (as measured by completed logs on the Google form at the link above) will win a special prize in September!

We all know that reading is important. We also know that motivating a child to read can be challenging, especially during summer vacation! Take a trip to the library or Barnes and Noble or browse on Scholastic.com. Have your child choose a book to read. Better yet, enjoy the book TOGETHER! Reading can be a special time between family members and friends.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that our students continue to strengthen their literacy skills this spring/ summer. This information will also be posted on the Wemrock Brook website for easy access to the link.

Respectfully,