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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer is a great time to read, especially for children. With no school and no homework, there are usually plenty of extra hours to fill. Encourage your child to fill those hours with reading.

Research shows that students experience learning and reading loss when they are not taking part in active education. Participating in a summer reading activity is an excellent way to prevent such reading loss.

This Summer, students entering grades 2-5 have the opportunity to complete a Summer Reading Choice Board. Your child will select a book and complete two boxes each week that they will color in on the choice board we have provided. If a student does not have electronic resources to use, they can always use their own paper to complete the activity. In addition, they will record their reading on a district book log, listing the title and author of each book that they read.

Students will be asked to bring their choice board and reading log to school by **Friday, September 15, 2023**. Students who hand these into their teacher will be entered in a raffle and get the chance to win prizes in September.

Parents are encouraged to help their child select books that are appropriate to their reading ability and interests. For example, some genres include fiction, non-fiction, e-books, graphic novels, etc. An optional Summer Reading Book List is posted on the Linden Public Schools Website under Summer Reading.

We hope that your child will look forward to reading this summer and take this opportunity to participate in many rewarding literacy activities.

If you have any questions or if you have difficulty obtaining a book, you may contact me at jmsmith@lindenps.org

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Smith
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