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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is a great time for your child to practice what they have learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading for enjoyment. Not only will your child discover the joy of being lost in a book, they will practice the many skills and strategies they have developed all year.

Teachers and other educators identify summer learning loss as a major challenge when starting off the new school year. However, students who read over the summer return to school ready to continue their learning with little or no learning loss.

The Linden Public School District has developed extensive suggested summer reading lists by grade for students in grades 6-12 (See **Summer Reading by Grade**). The District expectation is for every student to read at least two books, and to return to school in September prepared to tell a friend about the books they read over the summer. In addition, we are including some tips to help students and parents select books that are appropriate for your child's interest and reading level (See **Tips for Selecting a Book**).

Summer reading is meant to be enjoyable and we do not want students to have to struggle; we want reading to be fun and relaxing. The enclosed summer reading lists are meant to be a guide for students and parents; students can select books from other grade lists or even books that do not appear on a list. The important thing is that students read, read, read!

If there are any questions, please feel free to email me at ptartivita@lindenps.org. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Tartivita, Ed. D."

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