



Dear Parents and Students,

Well, school is over and it has been a wonderful year! You and your family have earned a break! **But please, do not take a vacation on the reading!** Sadly, something is waiting for many children every summer, and parents do not even know it is out there. It is called the "**summer slide**," and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for too long. Children who do not read over the summer will lose up to three months of reading achievement. This is incredibly sad! **We cannot let this happen!**

We have found a wonderful reading idea to help keep our children engaged all summer long. It is called "**Camp Read-A-Lot**". Our hope is to keep the reading fun and fresh throughout the summer. The students seemed to enjoy our first ever summer AR reading days last year, so we will continue with our AR Thursdays this June and July. Your child will be able to visit school on Thursdays from 10:00-12:00 to take AR tests on books they have read, make a craft, and read a book or two at our "campsite". Students will be able to take AR test on the books they read while "camping out". We will post student's points in the hallway! The top 2 summer reading AR students will receive a special treat.

AR Thursdays will begin on June 15th and continue each Thursday until July 27th. On this last day, the summer AR readers will enjoy a picnic lunch and some playground fun from 10-12! **School will be closed the week of July 4th.**

Summer is a time to rest and relax, but please allow **20 minutes** of daily reading time! Your brain will thank you later (your teachers will too)!

I hope to see you this summer for some fun around the campfire!

Happy Summer Reading!