



ILLUMINATING LITERACY THROUGH SUMMER READING 2022



for students entering Grades 1st and 2nd

Dear Caregivers~

We hope that your families have had a great year and are ready for summer!

Now that summer is approaching, we want this learning to continue for all students through our PLE Summer Reading Program. We know that you may be looking forward to having some time off from school, but please remember our motto that ILLUMINATING LITERACY should happen all year long. Because we know that reading matters, *even in the summer*, we encourage PLE students to participate in summer reading because this is the perfect time for your child to build upon the skills they have learned during the school year. The purpose of our program is to develop a lifetime reading habit, encourage reading for pleasure, to help prevent "summer slide," and to familiarize students with topics or authors they may encounter in the future. [Research](#) shows us the wonderful benefits when students continue to read (or be read to) a minimum of 20 minutes daily throughout the summer.

Students may read alone, read with someone, or listen to a story. In addition to reading, students may also choose to write in a journal. The goal is to keep them engaged with books over the summer months. On our website, you will find links to calendars for each month of the summer to record your reading. You can also explore booklists if you need some suggestions.

We feel that it is very important to provide students with choice in what they read. Please help your children find "just right" books to match their interests and reading abilities. If they are interested in a book that is too difficult for them, that would be a wonderful book for you to read to them. If you would like book suggestions, you can find booklists on our summer reading webpage. The book lists are meant to provide you with a place to start when choosing books for your child. The lists include books on a variety of topics, reading levels, and genres by different authors that should be easy to find at the local library or bookstore.

We hope you will encourage your child to participate in Summer Reading and help them to avoid the "*Summer Slide*" because PLE Illuminates Literacy, even in the summer! Have a safe, healthy, relaxing summer!

The PLE Staff