



Waterford Township Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Literacy is an integral part of the academic program in Waterford Township Schools. While it is important that families take time to enjoy summer vacation, we also believe it is important to encourage students to read during the summer months. Research indicates that students' reading levels actually decline over the summer months: "Kids who don't read during summer vacation lose two to three months of reading achievement" (Beers, 2014). By encouraging students to read consistently, we hope to reverse this trend. Book choice is important, too, since affording students the opportunity to read books of interest (as opposed to limiting choices to a particular title) fosters a lifelong love for reading - while reducing reading achievement regression as much as possible.

*"Elementary students who read 10-15 books at home over the summer gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school."
(Beers, 2014).*

The Waterford Township School District has purchased high-interest books for your child's summer reading enjoyment. This year, students will have the option to select and borrow books from a large selection of leveled titles to support and promote summer reading.

If you would like your child to borrow books for summer reading, please complete the form and return to your child's teacher no later than Friday, June 7th. If you already have access to summer reading books for your child and choose not to participate in borrowing books, please return the form below and simply indicate your preference by checking "No."

Sincerely yours,

The Waterford Township Curriculum Department

P.S. - For more information about preventing reading achievement regression, please visit:

<http://kylenebeers.com/blog/2014/05/04/guidelines-for-summer-reading/>

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER BY FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH.

Child's Name _____ **Teacher** _____

____ Yes, I would like my child to select books to borrow for summer reading.

NOTE: Students will have the opportunity to select and borrow books in June; when they return to school in September, students must return the books to their new classroom teacher during the first week of school.

____ No, I would not like my child to select books to borrow for summer reading.