



## **WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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### **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1 –3**

While the summer is a great time for students to have fun, relax, and enjoy themselves in camps, recreation programs, and vacation destinations, it is also a time when students tend to lose some of the skills they have acquired during the school year. Often the first couple of months of the school year are spent reviewing skills that students were taught previously, when teachers would prefer to move forward and cover new content so students can experience more success in the classroom.

Summer reading is a researched and proven method to prevent students from regressing during the summer months. According to researchers' McGill-Franzen and Allington, if a child reads a minimum of six books at their independent reading level, she/he is likely to fend off summer reading loss and maintain the reading gains made during the previous school year. Reading more books leads to even greater success.

This year we would like your child to read any book of their choice. Your child's summer reading assignment is attached. We have selected a simple assignment along with a fun activity to complete. Although it is not a requirement, we would like to have your child to complete the assignment and return it to his/her teacher in September.

We have again partnered with Barnes & Noble and have attached their Summer Reading Program. Complete their assignment and return the form to any Barnes & Noble store to receive 1 free book (grades 1-6 only).

If there are any questions during the summer, please contact the Curriculum Office at 609-267-8565 ext. 2113. Thank you in advance for supporting this educational endeavor and affording our students the best education possible.

Yours in Education,

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