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Dear Families,

Reading during the summer is important. Numerous studies have shown that if students fail to read during the summer, they can lose up to three months of reading progress. This gap continues to grow if students do not read. There is good news! Students who read over the summer do not experience this loss.

Each year, we provide a summer reading list for students. Our hope is that this will encourage students to set a habit of reading over the summer. You will find the list attached to the back of this letter. These books were chosen based on student interest and curriculum connections. Please review the list with your child and assist with the book selection. If you feel that your child needs another choice, simply call the school and they will record your alternate selection. The purpose of this program is to get students reading over the summer. This year, the eighth grade students will complete the assignment during the first week of school. Therefore, students can just read the book of their choice over the summer and complete the assignment once school begins.

If you would like for your child to check out one of these books, both the school and the public library have copies for student use during the summer. You are also welcome to purchase your own copy at a local store.

In addition to the summer reading program, there are online book resources. Your children may use their devices to read additional texts over the summer. Here are a few options:

Overdrive: (Summer reading books may be check on through over drive or at the school.)

<https://kingsporttn.libraryreserve.com/10/45/en/SignIn.htm?url=Default.htm>

**Student Username:** the first four letters of the student's first name, middle initial, and full last name

**Student Password:** the first three letters of the student's last name and the student number from PowerSchool

*\*this is the same as the login for student devices*

MyOn: [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com)

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