

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As summer fast approaches, it is the perfect time to think summer reading. I want to share these resources provided by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to help your child(ren) keep reading and thriving all summer long! Our school is excited to partner with RIF, who as the nation's largest non-profit organization for children's literacy, provides literacy resources that encourage students to maintain and increase valuable reading skills they acquired over the school year. And, with the interruptions to learning that occurred because of the pandemic this past year, we want to do all we can to help you in supporting and motivating your child(ren) to read.

I encourage you and your child to visit <a href="www.RIF.org/Summer">www.RIF.org/Summer</a> for a variety of free summertime reading resources, activities, and tips. RIF has curated age-appropriate book lists as well as corresponding literacy activities for each week of the summer. You will also find resources to support your child in independent reading, tips to integrate reading into your everyday lives, and ideas for starting a summer book club!

And, while you're exploring additional support to keep your child(ren) engaged with reading, check out RIF's free book resource site, Literacy Central, found at <a href="https://www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central">www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central</a>. It offers thousands of literacy resources to support favorite and most frequently read children's books including games, read-aloud videos, parent guides, and more. Check out Literacy Central's Puzzle Creator to increase vocabulary through word search, criss-cross, and memory match puzzles and BeeLine Reader which displays text using a subtle color gradient wrapping from the end of one line to help developing readers at all levels.

It's summer and while that means baseball, barbecues, and the beach, I also hope it means books. Have a wonderful summer and thank you for supporting your child(ren) to keep soaring with reading.

Happy Reading!