

Dear Families,

The Hudson Public Elementary Schools and the Hudson Public Library would like to unveil a brand new summer reading program that supports a partnership among the schools, library, and families. This new "Launching into Summer Reading" program builds on the work children are doing in the classroom and provides an authentic reading experience for each reader based on their individual reading goals. The Hudson Public Library program provides all family members with fun and motivating summer reading program. In addition, the library helps support families in finding the just right book for students during the summer months and is a great location to gather, read, and explore a range of book options. The combination of the two programs will ensure your child meets their reading goals.

#### **At the Hudson Public Library (Birth-Grade 6)**

The Hudson Public Library's program provides a fun, interactive approach to summer reading. We encourage students from birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to read up to 100 books and for every 10 books they get a prize. Children grades 3 to 6 will receive a raffle ticket for every 3 hours of reading up to 36 hours. These children will use the raffle tickets for a chance to win one of 35 prizes. Throughout the summer, there will be a variety of family friendly programs such as magicians, animals, music, science shows, as well as crafts for children ages 5 to 13. To celebrate the children's summer reading accomplishments, the Hudson Public Library will host an End of Summer Reading party at Roller Kingdom.

#### **In the Elementary Schools (K-3)**

In order to prepare students for summer reading, classroom teachers will teach lessons during June to help launch students into the summer with a summer reading goal and plan for summer reading with a way to track reading. The lessons will provide your child with the tools and skills needed to ensure the summer reading is tailored to your child's needs. During the month of June your child will be bringing home their reading goal, a plan for tracking reading and a personal list of books to read over the summer. In addition, your child will participate in a presentation given by the Hudson Public Library during the school day and grade level teams are planning additional opportunities to prepare for summer reading.

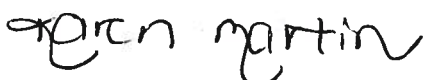
Over the summer, families will receive a phone call once a month to remind everyone to review their goal and progress in summer reading. In August when your child returns from school, he/she will reflect on their reading goal and progress with their new classroom teacher. The reading your child engages in over the summer will assist the new classroom teacher in understanding them as a readers and set the stage for creating a new community of readers in the classroom.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading growth over the summer months. We appreciate families understanding the importance of summer reading every day for an extended time to encourage a love and enjoyment of books, increase vocabulary and fluency, develop an understanding of different genres, and build an understanding of the world.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Building principals, literacy coaches, reading specialists, and your child's classroom teachers can also provide additional support to ensure your child's summer reading experience is a success.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



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## **Ideas for Summer Reading Success!**

### **Summer Slide**

We know that children who don't read over the summer do lose important reading skills they developed during the school year. In partnership with your child, the Hudson Public Schools, and the Hudson Public Library develop a plan that will work for your family to ensure lots of reading opportunities for your child.

### **Post- It**

Post the reading goals, plans, booklist, and calendars/tracking tools in a prominent place in your home so everyone can see it and be reminded daily. Other family members may want to develop their own reading goal and plan!

### **Set up regular check-ins**

Set up a regular day and time to talk about the reading goals and progress towards meeting the goal. It is important for children reflect on why or why not they are meeting their goal, and develop a plan to keep on course or how to get back on track.

### **Talk It Up**

Children need to talk about their books! Have book conversations about characters and themes. Compare and contrast books by the same author or with similar themes. Ask genuine questions to help deepen your child's understanding of the text.

### **Read Aloud**

Reading aloud to your kids may be a great goal for older brothers and sisters, mom, dad, or grandparents over the summer months. Not matter the age or skill level everyone enjoys being read to.

### **Gadgets**

Nooks, kindles, or phones are great ways to read or listen to a book.

### **Learn Side by Side**

Summer is the perfect time to learn together. Are you going to a new location on vacation, are you tackling a summer project at home, or does your child have a particular interest? Use books and multi-media as a tool to read and learn more about a location, topic, or interest.

### **Let your child read aloud**

Summer provides opportunities to be with other family members, neighbors and friends to read to. Your child can read to someone older or younger. Everyone loves to have an audience! No one available? Your child can read to the family dog, cat, or stuffed animal or record their reading.

### **Set a Good Example**

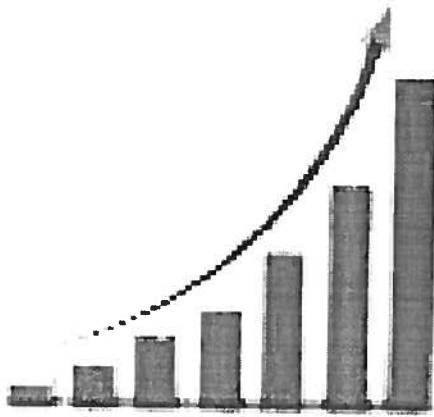
Serve as a role model for your child by setting aside time for your own personal and professional reading. Always have a book or reading material available to take advantage of any "found" time for reading. Share how you choose books and authors.

### **Mix- It Up**

Reading is reading! Your child can read fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. Your child can read menus, comic, advertisements, magazines, the sport page, or travel brochures. Listen to a book during long car trips! Visit the Hudson Public Library or a bookstore to get more reading ideas.

# Summer Reading- Avoid the Summer Slide

If a child reads regularly over the summer, this is the result!



If a child does not read regularly over the summer, this is the result.

○ Reading Progress: Tyler  
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