



Farmingdale Public School

Dear Families,

Our students have worked very hard and are leaving school this year as better readers, writers, mathematicians and researchers. Summer is a great time to read to your children and it is also a wonderful time for students to read for pleasure. Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. All children may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. This summer we are asking all students to select and read both fiction and nonfiction books at their current reading level. The choices are endless! We have identified a few good books at each level (attached) and we have also included resources below for additional ways to find books at your child's reading level. This year your child will also be able to choose the way he/she responds to the books he/she reads. Please see the attached response choices which need to be completed and returned to your child's teacher in September. You will also find a collection of math activities that will help you review what your student has learned this school year.

Resources:

A great website to start at is www.booksource.com. If you click on the “Reading Levels” tab, you will be able to choose “Guided Reading” and then input your child's reading level indicated below. For each level you will find collections of both Fiction and Nonfiction books. Another helpful website to check out is www.scholastic.com/bookwizard. This site can be used to find the reading level of a book you already have or to find a list of books at a certain level. When the page opens, scroll to Book Wizard and type in the title of a book. Before clicking “Search”, you need to change the Reading Level System to GUIDED READING. If the title you searched is in their database, it will tell you the reading level. If the reading level of this book matches your child's reading level, you can click on “Books Alike Find Similar Books” to find a huge list of books that your child might like to read. You can click on ‘Advanced Search’ to look for books of a specific genre at certain reading levels. (What a great feature!) The “Parents” tab at the top of the page is also an amazing resource. Click on it to find links to articles about books, reading and how you can help your child at home. Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read, and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate academic growth.

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Mantone

Mom and Dad, my independent level for summer reading is:
