Dear Families,

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the "summer leap" and our school has made it a priority to keep our students' skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

Throughout the year, your child has developed and grown as a reader, and has expanded his/her vocabulary and background knowledge on a wide variety of topics. Let's keep the learning going! Please help your child to maintain his or her reading growth over the summer, and leap ahead, by dedicating 30 minutes every day to reading. Listen to your child read and have conversations about the text. Visiting the public library is a great way to find new favorites, and have a wide selection of poetry, fiction, and informational books to choose from. Perhaps your child has a topic he/she wants to learn more about... summer is the perfect time for interest projects!

Below is a list of great books at the **Black** Level:

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| Title | Author |
| Gooney Bird Green | Lois Lowry |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid | Jeff Kinney |
| Magic School Bus chapter books | Eva Moore |
| Encyclopedia Brown | Donald J. Sobol |
| Babymouse | Jennifer Holm |
| Camp Rock | N.B. Grace |
| Captain Underpants | Dave Pilkey |
| Franny K. Stein | Jim Benton |
| Geronimo Stilton | Geronimo Stilton |
| Hank Zipper | Henry Winkler |
| Goosebumps | R.L. Stein |
| American Girl | Various authors |
| Matt Christopher sports books (various titles) | Matt Christopher |
| Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing | Judy Bloom |
| Big Nate | Lincoln Pierce |
| I Survived | Lauren Tarshis |
| Lucy Rose | Katy Kelly |
| The Janitor's Boy | Andrew Clements |
| Piper Reed | Kimberly Willis Holt |
| Animal Ark | Ben M. Baglio |
| Babysitter's Club | Ann Martin |

**Website Resources:**

Textproject.org wegivebooks.org/books  
wonderopolis.org readingrainbow.com  
kids.nationalgeographic.com storylineonline.net  
bookadventure.com highlightskids.com