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 **Orange** Level:

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| Title | Author |
| Camp Confidential | Melissa Morgan |
| Dragon Slayers’ Academy | Kate McMullan |
| Spiderwick Chronicles | Tony DiTerlizzi |
| Dear Dumb Diary | Jim Benton |
| Comeback Kids | Mike Lupica |
| My Teacher is an Alien | Bruce Coville |
| Julian Rodriguez | Alexander Stadler |
| Franny K. Stein | Jim Benton |
| Bud, Not Buddy | Christopher Paul Curtis |
| NERDS | Michael Buckley |
| Flat Broke | Gary Paulson |
| The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs | Betty Birney |
| Beastologist | R.L. LaFever |
| Genius Files | Dan Gutman |
| Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator | Roald Dahl |
| The Mouse and the Motorcycle | Beverly Cleary |
| Number the Stars | Lois Lowry |
| Island of the Blue Dolphins | Scott O’Dell |
| Lizzie McGuire | Melissa Gourd |

**Website Resources:**

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