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Dear Orange Families,

Our teachers and students have worked very hard all year. Your children are leaving school this year as better readers and writers! As you know, good readers and writers read and write DAILY. Recent research shows us that practice is necessary to master strategies that are critical to the success of the reading and writing process. The more children read, the more proficient they become.

Summer is a great time for your children to read! Summer reading allows children to enjoy books and nurture a love for reading and knowledge!

Your support in promoting literacy skills is especially critical during the elementary years. It is recommended that students continue to write and reflect on their readings in a summer journal or diary as often as possible. **Research says children who don't read during summer vacation lose two to three months of reading achievement. ...students who read 10-15 books at home over the summer gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school.** (Beers, 2014).

With that being said, the Orange School District would like to provide you with a fun way to get your children reading this summer by introducing you to **The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge**. What is it you ask? Well, it is a **FREE** online global reading program aimed to keep kids reading all summer long. This website allows students to:

- Read books
- Log their reading minutes
- Read for world records
- Enter sweepstakes to win fabulous prizes
- Earn digital rewards when they complete weekly reading challenges

How does it work? You children must first register at: <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2014>

Visit your local library for internet access and books.

From there the site will help them create their own username and password. An email will then be sent to you to confirm and approve your child's registration. Once registered, children can begin logging in their minutes read! As an added bonus, the site offers many other features such as:

- Games
- Blogs
- Videos
- Book Lists
- Message Board

Additionally, as parents, you will obtain valuable information on how to raise a reader. Resources include:

- Book lists appropriate for specific reading levels
- Reading strategies
- Summer Reading Challenge Activities
- Parent Guides
- And More!

Click onto http://prezi.com/iaj4noxhmqhg/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share for more information.

We hope you and your child have a wonderful time enjoying many great books this summer!

Happy Reading!

Educationally Yours,
The Orange Public School - English Language Arts Team