



# St. Anne's-Belfield School

Dear Rising Grades 1 - 4 Parents,

Our goal throughout the year is to immerse our students in a rich literacy program that requires them to read extensively. For students to become good readers, they must read widely and deeply.

A rich body of research shows that students who read and write regularly often perform better in school than students who do not. Research also tells us that the reality of summer reading loss is well documented.

The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences. Encourage your child to read daily. For book suggestions, please be sure to visit the [Summer Reading page](#) on the School website.

To help extend reading, allow your child to choose one or more of these projects.

- Draw a picture of or describe your favorite character
- Draw a picture of or describe your favorite part
- Make a poster of your favorite scene
- Design a new book cover
- Create a puppet of one or more of the characters
- Design a bookmark to go with one of the books
- Create a new ending for one of the books
- Develop a comic strip summary for one of the books
- Write a letter to the main character of a book
- Write a letter to the author about what you liked about the book

Keeping a summer reading log is not required; however, you can find one here should you wish for your child to keep one.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

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