

Dear SESD Parent,

Happy Summer!



Our students have worked very hard all year and are leaving school this year as better readers and writers. As you know, good readers and writers read and write DAILY. Brain research shows us that practice is necessary in order to master strategies that are critical to the success of the reading and writing process. The more students read the more proficient they become at reading and writing. The research states that "unless students read regularly during school breaks, they can fall behind three months in their reading achievement" (Scholastic Instructor May/June 2016). Students who read several books throughout the summer are shown to maintain or increase their reading ability. Reading is not a natural skill, just like activities such as baseball or playing an instrument. The more you practice, the better you will be.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Are you ready for a SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

Starts: June 11th through August 17th.

- Read 800 minutes all summer.

Reading 29 minutes each day adds at least 1,460,000 words heard per year! **We have attached a calendar** for you and your child to record the number of minutes your child reads each day. At the end of each month please record the total number of minutes on the bottom of the month. Before returning it to school, please add all the monthly totals and add it to the last page. If your child is going into kindergarten or first grade you can count the number of minutes you read to your child.

- A link will be posted on the district web site if you need to copy another calendar.
www.sesdweb.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Calendars are due by August 24th.
No late papers will be accepted. We provide this date to help us plan
for the reward. Thank you for your cooperation.

All students that complete Summer Reading (800 minutes) will receive:

- An invitation to play in a **bounce house** during the school day!
- Free book from the first Scholastic Book Fair of the 2017/2018 book fair.
- A fun snack. 😊

Thank you! And HAPPY READING! 😊 SESD Reading Specialists

*If you have any questions, please contact Julie Deppen or Jennifer Scarborough.