

June 6, 2017



Dear Parents,

The summer vacation is just around the corner and we want to make sure that your child continues to make progress in reading during the break. Studies have shown that having students read 4 or 5 books over the summer months can prevent reading achievement loss. Each student entering Lindbergh School in September will be **required** to complete a "Summer Reading Project" appropriate for his/her grade level and a reading log. Your child will bring home the assigned project and reading log before the last day of school. Both should be completed and handed in by September 14, 2017 to his/her teacher. There is also an **optional** writing project that your child may complete if they visit a special place over the summer. Information for the writing project (postcard) has also been given to your child. Additional copies of the summer projects, reading logs and book lists can be found on our school web site [www.palpschools.org](http://www.palpschools.org)

Students will need to read books that are "just right" for them. Below is the Five Finger Rule, which will help your child select a book that is not too easy and not too difficult.

### Five Finger Rule:

1. Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
2. Read the second page.
3. Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of or do not know.
4. If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.
5. If there are less than 5 words you did not know, ask yourself if you can retell what you just read in your own words. If the answer is yes, that book is "just right".

Here are some online resources and incentives to help your child with his/her reading progress over the summer:

[Reading Rockets](http://www.readingrockets.org)

[Raz-kids](http://www.raz-kids.com)

[Scholastic Summer Challenge](http://www.scholastic.com/summer/)

[Barnes and Noble](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading-for-kids)

[TD Bank Summer Reading](http://www.tdbank.com/summerreading/)

[Read, Write, Think](http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-summer)

[www.readingrockets.org/atoz/summer\\_reading](http://www.readingrockets.org/atoz/summer_reading)

<https://www.kidsa-z.com/main/Login>

[www.scholastic.com/summer/](http://www.scholastic.com/summer/)

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading-for-kids>

[www.tdbank.com/summerreading/](http://www.tdbank.com/summerreading/)

[www.readwritethink.org/parent-summer](http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-summer)

Remember, the more your child reads, the better reader he or she will become!

Enjoy the summer.



Sincerely,  
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