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Dear Parents:

The enclosed brochure is designed to offer your child some suggestions for summer reading. Reading, a lifetime pleasure, must not stop when the doors of the school close. **Significant learning loss** can occur during the summer if children don't read. Summer vacation is a wonderful time for your child to read favorite fiction and nonfiction authors and share in the adventures of some of the characters from popular series.

Students need many opportunities to read books that are **well within their abilities**, and this list is a starting point. Building on your child's interest can stimulate voluntary reading.

Since suggested reading may contain mature themes, parents/guardians are encouraged to seek reviews to determine the appropriateness of the book for their child. Book reviews can be obtained through the local library or by accessing an online bookstore. The titles and authors mentioned are suggestions, so please feel free to make substitutions.

Visits to the library will assist you in keeping your child learning through the summer. A review of studies conducted reveals that reading as a leisure activity is a powerful tool to increase reading comprehension, speed, and vocabulary. So please promote summer reading in your home. All over New York State libraries are offering free summer reading fun (storytelling, crafts, Book Contests, scavenger hunts, music, and fun with friends).

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2010 New York State Summer Reading Program
Make a Splash - - Read!

Happy Reading!

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