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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to announce our summer reading program here at Pittsgrove Township School District. While summer is a time for students to relax and participate in recreational activities with friends, it should also be a time to entertain oneself with a great book.

The summer season presents the opportunity for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. It is also the ideal time to support the literacy skills of our students while fostering a community of readers in our schools. Studies have shown that when children read each day, they increase their vocabulary development, build fluency, and improve their comprehension skills. If children do not read during the summer months, they will lose a great deal of progress made during the school year. Children who read during the summer start school ready to continue their progress.

Throughout this summer, our elementary school students will participate in the summer reading program. Specific book lists and assignments for each grade level can be found on our district website and your child's school website. Additionally, students have been given their specific assignment and grade level book list from their current teacher. Completed summer reading assignments are due the first week of school. The summer reading program is a requirement for your child.

In order to ensure all students have access to summer reading books, we have organized a list of websites where students may access a digital version (*eBook or audiobook*) of their selected book(s) for free. You can access this document on our district website as well as your child's school website. Finally, if open to the public during the summer, you can access summer reading books at public libraries and local bookstores. You may also find books on Amazon and other online booksellers.

Should you have any questions about our summer reading program, please contact our K-4 Library Media Center Specialist, Ms. Gwendolyn Acosta (gacosta@pittsgrove.net) or you may contact my office directly.

Please add summer reading to your child's list of adventures to experience and enjoy during this time of year. I wish you and your family a safe and rejuvenating summer season.

Respectfully,

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