

May 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

As we approach our ninth year of the East Meadow Summer Reading Program, we would like to thank you for assisting us in making reading a priority for your child. Students' success in school depends upon their ability to read thoughtfully and critically.

As such, it is imperative that your child/children read during the summer. Just as athletes need to stay in shape and train during the off season to excel at their sport, students need to stay "intellectually" in shape by reading over the summer. This will ensure a smooth transition back to school in September. In fact, research has shown that students who do not read over the summer fall significantly behind in their reading level!

Attached is the book list for your child's 2011-2012 grade level. These titles were carefully chosen by teachers in the district and are appropriate for your child. Many of the titles are available at the school library. If your child chooses to borrow a book from the school's library, then it will be his/her responsibility to return the book to school by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the East Meadow Public Library has received the lists, as have the local bookstores. Copies of these books will be made available at any of these venues.

Although the more the better, it is recommended that during the summer months students read a minimum of two (2) books on their level, as this is an average of only one (1) per month. We urge your child to take personal notes to enhance his/her understanding of the selection. The notes may assist your child in completing an activity assigned by the teacher in September. If you are interested in reading additional titles with your child, feel free to refer to this list or ask your librarian for recommendations!

Please indicate on the attached form which option your child will choose for 2011 summer reading. Should you have questions, please call my office.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kerry Dunne*

Principal

McVey Elementary School

**East Meadow Public Schools  
2011 Summer Reading**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1 **Borrow a book from school's library**

Option 2 **Obtain a book on our own**

Parent's name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return by May 13, 2011 to your child's teacher