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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

We are finishing up a school year like no other and facing many uncertainties as we prepare for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. One constant, however, is the importance of encouraging our children's literacy growth. Knowing that public libraries have been closed and our own personal libraries have been exhausted we have purchased, through the generosity of our SCA, books for each of our students. These books will be handed out as you come to pick up your child(ren)'s belongings from the building.

As an incentive to maintain an active reading life over the summer, we are encouraging all students to read these books (and others) and complete the included activity sheets. Please have your child bring their sheets to share with their teachers on the first day of school. For every sheet your child returns, they will be entered into a raffle for the chance to win various prizes. For those students who will be entering LH in the fall, we will still be organizing a way to collect their sheets so they can participate.

Happy reading!

### **What is the purpose of summer reading?**

 To maintain a reading life throughout the summer in order to strengthen the behaviors and habits of lifelong reading

 To prevent the "Summer Slide." Research is clear that students can experience a summer loss that can be equivalent to three months of learning if they don't read throughout the summer.

 To find enjoyment in reading

 To pursue interests and learn

### **What are the expectations for summer reading?**

 Maintain a reading life throughout the summer.

 Build stamina and strength as a reader.

 Keep a record of summer reading (use the provided activity sheets)

### **What does it mean to "Maintain a reading life throughout the summer?"**

 Read most days.

 Take into account summer plans to work in ways to add reading to your activities.

***Reading is the most important lifelong skill we can help our students to learn and practice.***