



# SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer has arrived, ending another challenging school year. Students deserve a break from school over the summer, and we hope your child has many outdoor adventures over these two months. However, we also encourage all students to continue reading for pleasure. Research shows that students who do not read or write over the summer can suffer from “summer learning loss.” In fact, a study by Johns Hopkins University found that vulnerable students can lose up to two months of reading skills over the summer. Additionally, according to the National Summer Learning Association, all students typically score lower on standardized assessments taken at the end of summer than they did on the same tests taken at the beginning. Most importantly, however, reading is a way for students to learn more about personal interests while building vocabulary skills and crucial background knowledge, which will help them in all academic areas.

For this year’s summer reading assignment, each student is asked to read two or more books of their choice. Each year, we provide students with a list of recommended titles for each grade level, but students do not have to read the books from the lists. Then, students will fill out a reading log where they will list the books they have read as well as give a ranking for each. While students are encouraged to read at least two books, we hope that they choose to read more. The reading lists for each grade level, and the reading log, are located on the Cosgrove Middle School Library web site.

We truly appreciate your support in this fun and important endeavor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Cosgrove Middle School counseling office.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The Cosgrove Middle School ELA Department and Administrative Team

*Our Mission is to educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community.*