



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Imagine an athlete who takes several months off from training. It would take weeks, if not months, of training for that athlete to return to peak performance. The same is true of readers and their reading. Children who don't read during summer vacation often experience a loss in their reading performance, typically one to several months as measured by standardized reading tests. Such small losses may in turn add up to more substantial losses over time.

Many parents ask, "What can I do to help my child continue reading and learning throughout the summer?" We think that one of the best things you can do is to encourage them to take the **Cedar Grove Summer Reading Challenge**. This summer-long literacy campaign is designed to motivate all of our students to read more so they maintain and improve their academic skills. We hope that our K-2 students will each read 250 pages, and our grades 3-5 students will each read 500 pages over the summer. The total logged pages will be checked at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Please use the attached calendar to keep track of the pages read! When students return next school year, they should turn in the calendars to their teachers to receive special recognition and prizes.

To support this challenge, the Cedar Grove Media Center will be open once a week starting June 28 and ending August 9. The Media Center Days are marked on the attached calendars. On those days, there will be a read aloud at 10:30 AM for the primary grades, and the upper grade book bunch will be at 12:30 PM.

We also encourage you to participate in the **Montgomery County Public Library Summer Reading program**, links to which are on our school's Summer Reading page. Our two reading programs are fully integrated, which gives your reader lots of options! The MCPL takes great care to recommend fiction and nonfiction titles, by incoming grade level, and those lists are linked to their Summer Reading page, as well.

We thank you for supporting the reading development and achievement of your children. In addition to the enjoyment they'll get from getting lost in a good book, we also anticipate that students will sharpen skills, broaden background knowledge, improve vocabulary, and maintain or improve their reading performance. Nothing prepares a child for academic success like consistent reading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee F. Derby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "D".

Lee F. Derby,  
Principal, Cedar Grove ES

# Summer Reading Challenge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 2012</b>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Summer Reading Kick Off	12 Last day of School	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Media Center Day	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Media Center Day	29	30

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1	2	3	4	5 Media Center Day	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Media Center Day	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Media Center Day	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Media Center Day	27	28
29	30	31	<b>July 2012</b>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 2012</b>			1	2 Media Center Day	3	4
			5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Open house!	25
26	27 First day of school!	28	29	30	31	

My child \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_ pages this summer!

Parent Name: (please print!) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_