



# Kings Park Elementary

## Summer Literacy

### Summer “Homework”

#### Reading

Students are encouraged to dive into reading this summer! Visit the public library and check out some good books! Read to and with your child, as well as encourage your child to read to you.

Students are invited to keep a *list of books read* (create your own or use the attached log). Celebrate at the end of the summer by turning in a completed log. Opportunities include:

- Kings Park School Library will provide a “Celebrate Reading” button.
- Fairfax County Public Libraries offer prizes and discounts\*
- Barnes and Noble Bookstores offer a choice of a free book\*



\*See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Library> or <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading> for details.

#### Writing

Capture summer memories! Write to and with your child, as well as encourage your child to write independently. Write regularly about thoughts, feelings, and experiences.



- Share the pencil as you make “to do” lists and/or write notes to each other,
- Start a *summer diary*. A simple sentence about the day provides a wonderful keepsake!
- Students are also invited to send or drop off a *postcard* in the lobby mailbox at school sharing about reading or a summer experience. (Provide your own or use the attached card). Look for completed postcard(s) to be displayed in the school library this fall!

#### Oral Language

Summer mementos become story seeds. Collect and store photos and/or treasured items (sea shells, travel brochures, restaurant menus, theme park maps, party invitations, etc.) in a scrapbook or special box.

Encourage your child to use descriptive language when telling family and friends about the collection and/or about summer experiences.

Model descriptive language and storytelling as you share family stories with your child this summer. Story starters include “*I remember...*” or “*One time...*”



Have a wonderful summer of teaching and learning with your child!

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