Dear Family and Friends of Freetown Elementary School (FES),

Summer is finally here and many students (and their families) are looking forward to a break from schoolwork. It is well deserved after adjusting to and conquering many achievements during remote learning. At the same time summer is not a time to take a break from pleasure reading! Research is clear that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

Elementary students should read, or be read to, EVERY DAY. Summer reading helps students of all ages keep their skills sharp so they are ready when school begins again in the fall. However, convincing students to pick up a book during the summer can be challenging with so many other distractions around. We hope a newly developed activity will motivate our readers this summer.

Children are NOT being assigned a specific grade-level title to read for a summer assignment. Instead, we want students to find and enjoy books that pique their interests. To make this FUN for your child…. we have enclosed the “Read in 30 Places” worksheet to fill out. Summer is the perfect time to grab a book and throw it in that beach bag or take with you in the car or to a friend’s house to sleepover! Read on the front porch, in the backyard or even in the pool! Again, the goal: READ! Complete the Read in 30 Places worksheet and fill out the back where you review your FAVORITE BOOK! Return the worksheet to the school on the first day and your child will earn a prize!

i-READY PRACTICE:

For students entering grades 2 and 3, they may still sign on to i-Ready Reading and Math and continue to sharpen those foundational skills! This is optional for all students entering grades 2 and 3 students!

We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer that is filled with books!

Happy Summer and Happy Reading,
Freetown Elementary Staff