

TIME TO PLAN FOR SUMMER READING AND WRITING ☺

Summer reading...NOW? Yes, it's only March and we're still seeing snow, but summer reading is important enough to plan for. Consider your overall summer planning as a parent...have you scoured the area programs and planned out sports, hobbies, and even checked to be sure you have time for just some good old-fashioned playing in the yard or at Plymouth parks? Let's take that careful summer planning we do as parents and apply it to your child's literacy practice. Every child at Greenwood has worked for the progress they've made since the start of the year, and every child deserves opportunities to read and write over the summer months to maintain that growth. In the absence of formal literacy instruction in the summer, two important things for parents to consider are:

- 1) Dedicating time to reading as well as writing, and
- 2) How to access texts your child can read that he/she wants to read.

As with sports, hobbies, and vacations, the time to plan for summer reading is now. So...what questions might you ask yourself to plan for summer success?

1) How will I support my child in a summer reading/writing routine?

- Will I set a time aside at home each day and set specific expectations for the number of minutes spent reading and writing? Will I have my child log their time in some way, to show work they can be proud of?
- Will I decide on a tutor or older peer to reinforce consistent practice, or can I realistically be the one to support this?
- Is a summer school program an option for my child? Might that kind of support, coupled with consistent reading and writing, be a good fit for my child's needs?

2) How will I be sure my child has access to appropriate reading material?

- Do I have access to plenty of books at home, or will I need to seek assistance from a tutor, neighbor, or teacher to help me find materials my child is interested in that he/she can read?
- Will we have time to take trips to the library on a regular basis? If not, maybe a neighbor or summer child sitter?
- What appropriate electronic resources will my child have direct access to over the summer to access e-books, poetry, etc.?

Thanks for all you do to support your child's success!
More to come on Summer Reading Fun in future eNews...