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Dear Parents,

Summer is near, and First Grade is just around the corner! Summer is the time for some fun, some rest, and some relaxation. Reading can be a part of all of these experiences for your children.

Please read at least **ten books** to your children this summer, and have them **draw a picture** of the story. Most importantly, read to you children **at least** 15 minutes every day. This is important even if they are able to read independently, as it offers the modeling of language skills that are essential. Of course, they also love it!

I look forward to enjoying your children's summer reading journals, and to a wonderful year.

Mrs. Palansky