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Dear Families,

Did you know that many students lose reading skills (sometimes as many as 4 reading levels) if they stop reading over the summer? Reading as few as 20 minutes a day can help students not only maintain but grow as readers!

At Bishop Pocock, we have a plan to ensure that we all continue to grow as readers over the summer!

Step 1. Start reading!

The following tips may be helpful:

- Encourage your child to select books that interest them! Reading should be fun!
- Set a goal to read at least 20 minutes per day.
- Be sure the books are not too hard or too easy! (If your child encounters more than 5 tricky words on a page of the book, it may be too difficult).
- Mix it up... Read aloud to your child, echo read, or read chorally!
- Read in interesting locations... outside, in the car, around the campfire!
- Encourage your child to read a variety of text...magazines, newspapers, even recipes!
- Talk to your child about what they are reading. Retelling and summarizing are important comprehension skills!
- Get technical by checking out some free reading websites and apps like Epic www.getepic.com and Biblionasium www.biblionasium.com

Step 2. Log your summer reading on our READING LOG for a chance to win awesome prizes!

In the fall, submit your Reading Logs (on the back of this page) to Mrs. Berg. For every 50 pages read, your child's name will be entered into a draw for some exciting prizes! *The Grand Prize will be a trip to McNally Robinson where the winners will select a book of their choice, and enjoy dessert at the Prairie Ink Café.*

We would like to extend a very special **thank you** to our awesome **Bishop Pocock CSCC** who have provided financial support for this and other reading initiatives over the years.

Whether on the beach or hanging inside on a rainy day...don't forget to curl up with a good book!

Have a wonderful and safe summer,

Bishop Pocock Staff



