

Dear OPS Students and Families,

This year, instead of assigning specific reading books to our students, we are asking students to strive to meet a 1000 minute challenge. While 1000 minutes of reading (or being read to) seems like a very lofty goal, in actuality, it translates to reading 20 minutes a day/5 days a week this summer! We are asking students to complete the attached reading log and return it to their teacher on September 4th. (Additional reading log pages can be found on the OPS website.) A list of suggested reading titles can also be found on the website. These books are only a suggestion; the Oradell Public Library is full of books that will interest even the most finicky of readers!

We are so proud of the progress that our students have made as readers this year, and we would hate to see any of them suffer from “summer reading setback.” Researchers Allington and McGill-Frazen state that “summer reading setback occurs when students return to school after summer vacation with diminished reading skills, presumably from a lack of adequate reading practice (Phi Delta Kappan, September 2003).

The truth is that “ALL students benefit from summer reading. By completing as few as six books during a three month break, students can maintain their current level. If they read 10-20 books, they not only maintain, but in many cases, improve their skills. The key is for students to read about topics of their own interest . . . reading needs to be fun” (Suite101.com, Insightful writers. Informed readers. 5/17/09). Please help your child develop consistent reading routines over the summer and encourage them to share about the books they read.

**Online Subscriptions**

Supplement your reading with our online book subscriptions. From the Oradell School Home Page, click on K-6 Links, then find the links to Bookflix and TumbleBooks, animated books students can read and play comprehension games for online.

**Bookflix**

Username: oradelles

Password: bookflix

**TumbleBooks**

Username: oradell

Password: 07649

Thank you for helping our students continue to grow as readers and learners this summer. We look forward to hearing all about their reading adventures on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER . . . AND KEEP READING!**

**THE OPS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**





