



Get ready for **SUMMER  
READING**

An illustration of a smiling sun with rays and a stack of books with an open book on top.

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As we are all looking forward to summer, the possibilities may include; upcoming vacations, reconnecting with friends and family and more time to relax and rejuvenate.

The educators in Haverhill are excited to send our students off looking forward to the adventures of summer reading. Research has consistently documented the importance of summer reading as a means to avoid the “summer slide.”

This letter includes a suggested reading list and a tracking log to document the journey. Although this is optional, participation will continue to support the importance of reading daily. Please have your child return their reading log to their new classroom teacher on the first day of school.

**What are the expectations for summer reading?**

- Read most days for a minimum of 20 minutes to build stamina and strength as a reader.
- Visit the Haverhill Public Library
- Stay interested and flexible

Reading is the most important skill we can teach our children. We encourage you and your family to find ways to celebrate books of all kinds.

Have a safe and happy summer!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darshan Thakkar".

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