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Dear EJA Families,

Children learn and grow so much during the school year, but those skills need practice to stay strong over the summer. Reading is one of the best ways to keep learning going, and it can be a lot of fun, too!

Here are a few ways you can support your child this summer:

- Let your child choose what they read. Children are more likely to read when they are excited about a book that they've chosen for themselves.
- Don't worry if your child rereads favourite books or chooses books that seem easy. Rereading helps build confidence and reading skills.
- Offer a variety of reading materials, including picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, magazines, graphic novels, and comics. Cereal boxes can be a lot of fun!
- Visit your local library and sign up for a summer reading program. Did you know that families can use their MHLS library card at all 66 member libraries? Our libraries in Athens, Coxsackie, and Catskill also host programs and activities throughout the summer for families of all ages and stages.
- Make time for reading every day. Even if it is just five minutes. Reading together, talking about books, and seeing adults read can all encourage children to become lifelong readers.
- Ask your child about what they are reading. Asking about characters, events, or interesting facts can help build understanding.
- All EJA students have access to Sora, our ebook and audiobook collection through Questar III. Students can log in using their school email address and lunch code, which can be found in Infinite Campus.
- Don't forget about the EJA Virtual Library! It includes read-alouds, activities, research resources, and book recommendations that students can use all summer long.

I've included a summer reading log for students to record the books they read. I hope your family has a wonderful summer filled with books, learning, and adventure!

Best,
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