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Dear Parent:

We all know how reading can open a child's world and imagination. Books can take you to the farthest reaches of the universe or into the tiniest world of an atom. You can examine worlds beyond explanation, read what it was like to be a pilgrim, soldier, to live through epic periods and mysterious circumstances. There is not better way to broaden the horizon, and open up minds!

To that end, I am creating a program to encourage children to read. For every child in your school who completes a summer reading list, or those that read the most on the list I will hold a celebration. These students should be recognized for their hard work and efforts. So let's celebrate!

I will need a little help from you. You, and your teachers, will need to keep track of the students and their progress. If you have a summer reading list in place, wonderful! If not, perhaps the child's parents can help this summer to keep track of what books their children read.

Now comes the fun part! A ceremony will be held at the school, in the day or evening, where every child will be presented with a citation to recognize their accomplishment. I will provide cake and soft drinks for the celebration. All you need to do is provide my office with the names of the students and a convenient time for the ceremony!

Let's all get together and start this program this summer, and continue it through the year.

Sincerely,

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