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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to share with you the 2018 Superintendent's Summer Reading Challenge for students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. In this year's Summer Reading Challenge, the student from each elementary school who reads the most books will be awarded a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble bookstores.

Dr. Tomko challenges every student to read as many books as he/she can this summer. While the challenge is intended to be fun during the summer break, it does serve to help your child(ren) to continue to grow academically. Countless studies indicate that many students experience a summer learning loss, especially when students are not engaged in learning activities. The attached summer reading/English Language Arts book lists are for your guidance in order to help students maintain their academic progress from the current school year and prepare for the next grade level. The reading lists for grades K-5 are filled with numerous titles that are color-coded by genre: Purple titles are fiction; orange titles are non-fiction; blue titles are poetry; and red titles are biography. The titles are also listed online in the Belleville Public Schools website www.bellevilleschools.org under ACADEMICS in the Summer Reading Challenge 2018 link.

Just as in years past, the district has partnered with the Belleville Public Library to make certain that the books on the lists are available for the students to borrow during the summer. The Belleville Public Library has many other books and programs as well that are accessible to our students all year long.

We encourage your child's participation in this year's Superintendent's Summer Reading Challenge. Reading is fundamental!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Educationally,

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