

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child's summer activities. While the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning returning to school in the fall. This lag in learning is often referred to as the "Summer Slide". The summer slide can result in students losing two to three months of reading proficiency.

In an effort to lessen this effect, the Farquhar Middle School English team are encouraging all students to engage in summer reading activities. It's easy! Visit the [FMS English Department website](#) to find reading activities and access to online reading materials. Students must choose a book, or many, to read over the summer and complete 4-5 activities from the summer reading choice board to share with their teachers the first week of school. In addition, students should take the IXL diagnostic over the summer and work on the recommended skills outlined in their skills plan. Student usernames are their first initial and their last name @williamhfms and their password is their school ID number. *Example: Tina Brown --> username --> TBrown@williamhfms*

We hope that you will encourage your child(ren) to read over the summer months. We hope you and your family have a great summer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tanya Campbell, English Content Specialist, at [Tanya\\_Campbell@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tanya_Campbell@mcpsmd.org).

Happy Reading,

The FMS English Department