



Palliser Regional Schools

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DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS;

RE: SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

Palliser has had a focus on literacy for the last five years. Through this focus it has become apparent that 'summer slide', the loss of reading capacity which can occur in the summer as some children do not read during the summer, is a real dilemma for teachers and parents. There are, of course, ways to help prevent this at home by having children read at home. Palliser Regional Schools will also be supporting students reading in the summer by offering a summer literacy program in some of our community schools. A pilot was undertaken in one school last summer with great success, therefore we would like to expand it for this coming summer to 4 schools.

The four schools will be chosen based on the parent response each school receives. In order for the program to be successful the student needs to be able to attend every day for 1.5 hours, four days a week for three weeks in August. Some parents cannot commit to this because of work, holidays or transportation. This is understandable, so if you are one of these parents but are still interested in combating the summer slide, please get in touch with your school for ideas you can do at home. Ideas will also be shared in newsletters and on school websites.

Children participating will be involved in high interest literacy activities. They will interact with stories, play games, and be active in literacy pursuits. If you are interested and are able to have your child participate in this endeavor, please fill in the short form and send it back to your school. If your school is successful in getting this opportunity, you will be contacted directly.

The tentative dates for this program will be Tuesday to Friday: August 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26. The times will likely be anytime between 10:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 but only for 1.5 hours not the full two hours.

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*

Please print, complete and return to your child's school.

Name of parent/Guardian:

School _____

Preferred contact phone number: _____

Alternate phone number: _____

Child's name:

Grade: _____

Age of child: _____

Mode of transportation to and from Literacy program:
