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Dear Families of Harrison High School,

Summer vacation has arrived. With that, comes time to enjoy friends and family and build memories. Amidst those moments, we also hope reading plays a significant role. We would like to provide you with more information regarding our approach to summer reading. From selecting the right book, to ensuring that the reading experience is a positive one, the following guide has been developed to provide additional support for independent reading during the summer months.

There are many reasons as to why summer reading is important. Students continue to develop strong reading habits, exercise choice, and develop reading interests. Summer reading extends the curriculum by providing enrichment and previewing possible themes for the coming year. When selecting titles, you should consider:

- What types of books do I typically like to read?
- What do I want to learn more about this summer?
- What do I want to get out of my summer reading experience?
- Does this book seem complicated, too easy, or just right for me?
- Do I have prior knowledge about this topic? If not, is it something I want to invest my time and energy learning more about?
- Have I asked my friends and family if they have any book recommendations for me?

Sometimes the hardest part of reading is just finding the right book. This year teachers shared book suggestions on our website: <https://researchguides.harrisoncsd.org/ReadingTogether>. You can find excellent resources here that will help you choose the perfect text.

We hope you discover new worlds, new friends, and new adventures through literature! Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jaimie Kanter