



# Smithtown Central School District Accompsett Elementary School

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Dear Accompsett Families,

Summer break is a time for playing outside, taking family trips, time with friends and making memories. I can still remember the excitement of going to sleep away camp and riding bikes around the neighborhood. The public library offers families [free passes](#) to local parks and museums. Along with making these important milestone memories, continued practice of some basic skills is necessary to retain grade level concepts and prevent regression.

I encourage you to set up routines for reading and writing to support your child. There are a variety of fun ways to read with or to your child depending on their ability and age. Reading aloud to your child helps with fluency and building vocabulary. Many chapter books are available on youtube and apps like audible. You can even take [audio books out of the public library](#) so they can enjoy them in the comfort of your own home.

The Accompsett PTA supports reading throughout the summer and would like to reward those students who do so with an Ice Pop Party on September 12th. Students who submit any 3 of the following reading responses by September 10th will have the opportunity to participate. Unfortunately, late submissions will not be accepted as we will need to purchase the ice pops in advance.

This summer I will be reading [Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo](#). When I was a fourth grade teacher I read several of her books with my class including [Because of Winn Dixie](#), [The Tale of Despereaux](#), and the [Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#), and have enjoyed them thoroughly. I invite you and your child (if age appropriate) to join me in this adventure.

I look forward to hearing about your child's summer adventures and all the books that they have read!

## **Reading Activities for Students Entering:**

[Kindergarten](#)  
[First Grade](#)  
[Second Grade](#)  
[Third Grade](#)  
[Fourth Grade](#)  
[Fifth Grade](#)

Best,

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