



# ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Research shows that reading is extremely important to a child's success in school. Whether reading in English or Spanish, a child's exposure to books from birth to age 7 is crucial to their cognitive development. Students should be either reading or being read to every single day. As we head into the summer break, we want to remind you of this importance.

Research also shows that if students are not reading over the summer, they do not maintain the reading progress they made during the school year and often their reading level drops. In order to better help prevent this, we are requiring summer reading for all grades. The purpose of summer reading is to establish a home reading routine.

Here are the following summer reading requirements for incoming students:

- Preschool – Incoming preschool students should be read to for at least 20 minutes every night.
- Kindergarten – Incoming Kindergarten students should be read to every day for at least 20 minutes.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Incoming first grade students should read to or read with his/her parents every day for 25 minutes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Incoming second grade students should read independently or with someone daily. Students should be able to read one chapter book per week or 3 smaller books per week.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

M. McKenna Corrigan  
Principal