

Dear Pollard Pre-K Families,

As the 2015-2016 school year draws to a close, it is my pleasure to present our Pollard students with our 2016 Summer Literacy Activity. Continued literacy beyond the school months is an important life skill for your child's intellectual growth and development. It encourages students to continue learning, while still providing them with fun and enjoyment. What helps make reading entertaining for children is allowing them the freedom to choose books that speak to their unique interests. This Summer Literacy Activity packet was designed with this goal in mind.

*On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!* Is a National Summer Reading initiative that encourages families to get involved with their child's reading, and prevents what is known as "the summer slide" in the progress they have made during the school year. Included in this packet is a list of books we think your child might enjoy. It was compiled by the TRSD librarians and is loosely assigned to different reading abilities. Please do not feel as though you must purchase these books for you child. Many of them can be found at your public library.

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
<b>1,800,000 words</b> 	<b>282,000 words</b> 	<b>8,000 words</b> 
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	10 <sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?  
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

As part of Pollard's reading action goal and as a means to continue to build community within our school, we also are giving every Pollard student a book as a gift today! Pollard School encourages you to spend time with your child reading this summer. We know they will enjoy their new book *Cupcake*, by Charlie Mericle Harper. This book tells the story of how we are all special in our way.

Enjoy the summer, and happy reading!

Sincerely,  
Michelle Auger & the Pollard School Summer Reading Committee

**\*NOTE:** There are two different "Book Review" forms for grades 4-5. One is nonfiction and one is fiction. Students need to complete only one form, which should be based on their book selection (fiction or nonfiction).