

Timberlane Regional School District Summer Reading



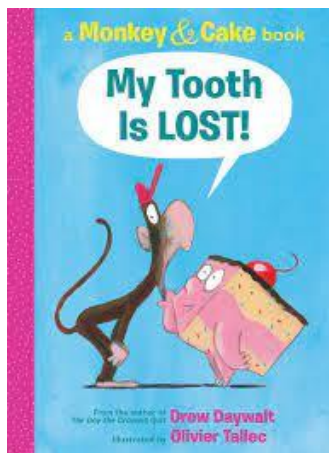
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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Students need a strong foundation in reading and writing in order to reach their full potential. Reading outside of the classroom is critical for maintaining and expanding a child's literacy skills, especially over the extended summer break. Research suggests that students should spend a minimum of 20 minutes a day reading. This could be listening to a book read aloud or practicing their own reading skills. Conversations about each book increase enjoyment and connection to texts. As students discuss or write about what happened in the book, as well as things the books make them think about, the deeper a love for literature is developed.

Timberlane's summer goal is simple: Help students connect with books (both fiction and non-fiction) to grow a love for learning and engagement in texts. This will inspire students to become lifelong readers. To this end, we are sending each student home with a book that we hope will be read and reread over the summer.

Incoming Grade 1 students will be receiving...



This book is one in a series of fresh friendship stories about Monkey and Cake. In this book, Monkey has lost a tooth! This makes Monkey sad. Cake reassures Monkey that the tooth fairy will come...but Monkey isn't so sure. Can Cake help find the lost tooth instead?

This is a great book to share with your child until they can tackle it independently. Encourage your child to use the hints in the illustrations to decode words and follow up with conversations or students writing about friendship or the experience of losing a tooth.

One way to share and celebrate reading is to visit local bookstores or libraries and peruse selections. Be sure to also check out local area library schedules for events occurring through the summer, hyperlinks below.

Danville <https://colbymemoriamlibrary.org/>
Plaistow <https://www.plaistowlibrary.com/>
Sandown <http://www.sandownlibrary.us/>
Atkinson <https://kimballlibrary.com/>

Below are some optional activities to go with your summer reading book, *My Tooth is Lost!* a Monkey & Cake book by Drew Daywalt.

- Visit this website <http://www.crayonpicturebooks.com/drew-daywalt-oliver-jeffers/> and read about the author, Drew Daywalt, and the illustrator, Oliver Jeffers.
- Read another book about losing a tooth. Compare the books. How are the stories the same? How are they different?

Here are some suggestions from the town libraries:

Andrew's Loose Tooth by Robert Munsch

My Tooth Is Loose by Susan Hood

Loose Tooth by Lola M. Schoefer

My Loose Tooth by Stephen Krensky

Llama Llama Loose Tooth Drama by Anna Dewdney

- Monkey did not want to trade his tooth for money. What are some things in your life that are worth more than all the money in the world? Draw or write about them.