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Dear Holyoke Public Schools Readers:

We are launching the 2019 Holyoke Public Schools Summer Reading Challenge as part of a city-wide campaign for summer reading. Find the details on our website’s summer learning webpage https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/summerlearning/.

The PreK - Grade 8 Challenge:
- Read at least 20 minutes a day
- Have a parent/guardian initial the calendar for each day of reading
- List up to 10 of your favorite books that you have read
- Return it to your school by September 7th
- Reading Calendar
- Recommended Reading List PreK-8

The High School Challenge:
- Read and complete the required high school summer reading assignments for your grade.

Prizes:
- All students that return the Summer Reading Challenge will be eligible to win a tablet.
- The school with the highest percentage of calendars turned in will receive a School Wide Treat of an ice cream party or pizza party.

Use the Holyoke Public Library http://www.holyokelibrary.org/ as a Resource:
- Visit and check out a book using the list for recommendations
- Register for the Holyoke Public Library Summer Reading Program
- Read for 30 minutes a day, fill in your log and return to the library to win prizes every Friday

Summer is a great time to pick up a book and read. We encourage families to read together and enjoy their favorite stories and articles this summer. For more information on great books to read at your child’s grade level, stop by the Holyoke Public Library or check out the HPS Summer Reading Challenge https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/summerlearning/.

The New England Patriots are also sponsoring a Summer Reading Blitz https://www.patriots.com/community/rbtl.

If students across the city read at least 2 million minutes (the bar has been raised), city officials will return to the dunk tank at Celebrate Holyoke!

Have a great summer and keep reading!

Signed by:
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Holyoke Public Schools Academic Team
Holyoke School Committee
Holyoke City Council
Holyoke Public Library