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Dear Families,

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We are excited to kick off the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge and our summer reading incentives! Reading requires practice and it is important that children take the time to read during the summer in order to keep their skills sharp, so they don't suffer from the "summer slide"- the loss of core reading and learning skills that can occur when students don't read during the summer break.

Everybody loves INCENTIVES!!! We are pleased to reveal some exciting incentives to encourage summer reading and participation in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge:

- **ALL students who return the challenge in the fall will receive a Star Student bookmark.**
- **Each child in the top reading class will receive a free book and enjoy extra recess.**
- **The top reader in each grade (K, 1, & 2) will receive a \$15.00 Barnes & Noble gift card and enjoy a special lunch with the principals.**
- **AND....if we reach our goal, several brave teachers will be KISSING A PIG in front of the students in the fall!**

So please make sure your child reads LOTS this summer, logs the books read (and those read to them) on the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, and returns it to next year's teacher when we return to school in the fall (if your child reads more than 30 books just add another sheet of paper). **Also, be sure to check our website to see our summer reading video!** <http://jtps.watertownps.org/>

Have a great summer and happy reading!

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