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Dear Parents of Lighthouse Christian School,

Current research points out that increased summer reading reduces summer learning loss. In their studies of children's reading development, McGill-Franzen and Allington (2003), cite the importance of extensive, successful reading experiences in the development of reading proficiency. A report from the National Institute of Education (1988) concluded that, "...the amount of reading done out of school is consistently related to gains in reading achievement."

The studies show that students, who read more, read better. They also write better, spell better, have larger vocabularies, and have better control of complex grammatical constructions (Krashen, 2009). These findings have all been taken from a website devoted to the NY Public Library System. These findings are everywhere...reading in the developmental years helps kids get smarter!

Our students at LCS **are in their developmental years!** Reading achievement is a good predictor of over-all achievement. Our development of a summer reading program stems from our desire to serve our families with the best possible information regarding learning, and to back up our stand for excellence with accountability.

This year, we are requiring this reading be done over the summer at all grade levels, and for students to demonstrate compliance by returning finished projects in the fall.

\*\*Please note :

Projects for K-6 are entitled "Summer Reading and Writing Activities"

All children grades 1-6 are required to complete five (5) of the activities, with # 5 being mandatory for all. Regarding Activity 5; if your child is reading a lengthy book, each 25 pages will be considered as one (1) book. For ex: a 100 page book would count as 4 books. The Kindergarten students need to complete (5) activities but not Activity 5.

We have attached writing organizers to help children with their written work as they complete their assignments.

Projects for grades 7-8 are also attached, for your convenience. Ms Jackie has given these assignments sheets to students already, and an email has been sent regarding these.

Parents, thank you for your continued prayers, and support for our Godly efforts to "bring up the children in the way they should go". We appreciate your cooperation as we work together.

God bless you and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Your teachers and staff of LCS

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