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Dear BRCS Parents:

Research indicates that students fall about three months behind in reading achievement during the summer unless they read regularly. Those who read at least four books during summer vacation maintain or increase their achievement.¹ You will find the BRCS Suggested Summer Reading List at www.BocaChristian.org. Go to Academics – Media Center – Reading Lists and select the grade your child will be entering in the fall. We highly encourage your child to read from the suggested reading list as these books are a selection of quality children's literature to which you want to expose your children. These books are available in the BRCS Media Center for your convenience. Talk over the list with your son/daughter and agree upon a summer reading goal. I would suggest that you determine some reward for your child if the summer reading goal is met. You may also count books that you have read to your child until he/she has finished second grade. Be sure to take home some green reading sheets to keep track of the number of pages read over the summer and remember to ask comprehension questions.

Many of these books are available in your local public library and area bookstores. **The school Media Center will be open on Tuesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM this summer starting on June 8th.**

Visit the online catalog at www.destiny.bocachristian.org. If you don't already have a user name and password, you can create one. This will allow you to see your account and create book reviews.

We encourage you to donate books that your children have outgrown. These books will be sold in our Read and Recycle Program during the school year. This is a great way to share good books and benefit the library.

Good reading this summer!

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¹Lundstrom, Meg. "Stop the Reading Slide." *Instructor*. Scholastic, May 14, 2005 < http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/May05_reading.htm>.