Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in a fun summer reading project: the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. This Summer Reading Challenge unites students from around the globe in an attempt to set a new world record for most minutes read this summer!

Studies show that kids who read over the summer maintain the reading skills developed during the school year. This summer-long reading campaign is designed to motivate all children to read more so they maintain and improve their academic skills.

The world record attempt begins May 9 and concludes September 9, 2016. The total logged reading minutes, along with the top school in each state, will be published in the Scholastic 2017 Book of World Records.

Here are a few simple ways to help your child become a record-breaking reader:

- Set a goal together and encourage reading throughout the summer with library visits, story time at home, and conversations about books. Let your child see you reading.
- Encourage your child to participate and track reading minutes either with a paper log or online at scholastic.com/summer. It's a kid-friendly, safe online community where students can be part of a record-setting global team, log reading minutes, and enjoy activities geared for all ages.
- Track our school’s reading progress at scholastic.com/summer.
- Download summer reading booklists chosen specifically for your child’s age at scholastic.com/parents.

To learn more, visit scholastic.com/summer. Make reading a big part of your family’s summer fun!

Sincerely,

Scott Spencer
SHES Principal