



Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading over the summer helps children maintain and strengthen the literacy skills they've built during the school year. Without regular reading, students can experience what's known as the "summer slide"—a decline in reading ability that can make it harder to start the new school year on track. Just 15–20 minutes of daily reading can make a big difference. Summer reading not only helps keep students' minds active, but it also fosters a lifelong love of books, builds vocabulary, strengthens comprehension, and encourages curiosity. Whether it's a novel, a graphic novel, or a nonfiction book about a favorite topic, every reading experience counts!

We encourage all students entering **grades 1 through 5** to make reading a part of their daily routine. To help with that, we've included a “**Summer Reading Carnival.**” Have your child follow the directions on the page over the summer and return it to their teacher by **Friday September 5th.**

Local public libraries are a wonderful resource for families during the summer. Many offer free access to a wide range of books, as well as engaging **summer reading programs**, activities, and events designed just for children. These programs often include incentives and reading challenges to keep kids motivated. So be sure to visit Rachel Kohl Library at 687 Smithbridge Road or another favorite library frequently this summer.

Your support makes a big difference! Building strong reading habits now helps set the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

Wishing you and your families a summer full of great books! Happy Reading!

Warmly,

Your Garnet Valley Elementary Teachers

Garnet Valley School District