

June 15, 2009

Dear Parents,

Summer is almost here! The long vacation provides an opportunity for students to take a break from structured classroom learning, but at Maimonides School, we believe that whatever activities our children may choose for summer fun, reading, if approached as a pleasure, will continue through the vacation months. Consistent exposure to good books and the world of ideas over the summer will help ensure a smooth transition back to school in the fall. Books can be enjoyed anytime, anywhere—while relaxing with friends and family at the beach, traveling to see new places, or off at camp. Curling up with a book is the perfect finish to a day of active outdoor activities.

Enclosed in this packet you will find:

- One General Studies assignment for each child going into Grades 1-5. **General Studies summer reading is required.**
- One Limudei Kodesh summer reading checklist for each child going into Grades 1-5. **Limudei Kodesh summer reading is optional but highly encouraged.** All Limudei Kodesh summer reading can be found online at <http://www.maimonides.org/elementary/summerReading09.php>. There will be special recognition for all students who complete all or part of the Limudei Kodesh summer assignments. At the end of the summer, please check the assignments your child has finished and sign the sheet. Your child can give this sheet to his/her Limudei Kodesh teacher.
- One Ivrit summer reading list for each child going into Grades 4-5. **Ivrit summer reading is required for all students going into Grades 4-5.**

If your child misplaces any of the enclosed materials, summer reading assignments can also be found online at <http://www.maimonides.org/elementary/summerReading09.php>. Here are some additional online resources in both English and Hebrew for students who wish to review over the summer:

English

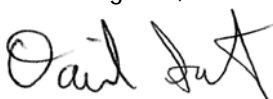
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www.mibereshit.org
www.chabad.org
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Hebrew

www.galim.org.il
www.mibereshit.org
www.aish.com/hebrew
www.j.co.il/index.asp
www.akhlah.com/aleph_bet

Please help your child read over the enclosed information to make sure the expectations are clear. Your child may need help in planning how to accomplish the goals set forth in the packet over the summer. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please note that kindergarten summer reading will be mailed separately over the next couple of weeks.

Warm regards,



Rabbi David Saltzman
Principal