

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Summer! Happy Reading! We encourage reading over the summer to keep our brains active. Did you know that when kids read over the summer, they are likely to leap ahead when they head back to school? It's called the "Summer Leap," and our school has made it a priority to keep our students' skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

There are three reading programs that I would like to tell you and encourage your participation in any of these programs. You can use the same books that you read for any program listed below.

1. **Holy Cross Summer Reading Program:**

- Read 10 books over the summer.
- Write the title and author on the HCCS Summer Reading Program sheet included with this letter, return it to HCCS at the beginning of school year.
- Be recognized for the accomplishment at a school wide assembly.
  
- If an older child reads to a younger child, please use one line on the HCCS Summer Reading paper to record the title or simply write "Read \_\_\_ books to a younger child".
- If you are a younger student who does not know how to read yet, please record the books that were read aloud to you.

2. **Summer Reading program:** Please check your local county library for their summer reading programs.

**Reading activities that count:**

- reading in a book including textbooks and graphic novels
- listening to a story read aloud including audiobooks
- reading aloud to another person including a younger child
- reading the newspaper or a magazine

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [alouie@archdpdx.org](mailto:alouie@archdpdx.org). Have a great time reading!

May God bless you,

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