

# *Pearl River School District*



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Peggy Lynch  
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Dear Evans Park Families,

As you surely know, our elementary students and staff have worked very hard all year. Where did the time go? Your children are leaving school as better readers and writers. Research tells us that practice is key to successfully mastering strategies continued growth. Much like the sports in which they participate, the more students read and write, the more proficient they become in those areas. Summer is a great time to read at your leisure and for pleasure; perhaps your child has enjoyed a particular series this spring and would like to continue that. Remember that examination of series reading informs us that when students read a series, they are not only increasing their time spent reading, but also connecting to the patterns in books, both visual and textual (e.g., plot, setting, characterization).

When they return in September, our goal is to gather the students who have read the same series into a "book club" to discuss the titles they read and get started again from there. We hope that your child has a wonderful time enjoying many great books and articles this summer and comes back ready to share ideas.

Writing is often a bigger challenge that requires some parental coaxing. Think about vacation timelines and accounts, favorite camp stories or research on a topic that your child finds interesting.

Throughout the year, students have had access to online websites and applications. These are excellent resources that we recommend they continue to use over the summer. The classroom teachers will provide each student with a username and password to access each of these digital resources.

Not to forget math skills, teachers will also be sending home a packet of math sprints for students to continue practicing automaticity and fluency with their math facts. Enjoy your summer, but please fit in a few minutes a few times a week for academic pursuits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peggy Lynch'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Peggy' being more prominent than the last name 'Lynch'.

Peggy Lynch