## St. Andrew Catholic School Summer Reading K-2 2014

Dear Parents,

The purpose of summer reading is to help children develop a love of reading. Students should select and respond to selections that appeal to them, thus expanding their personal reading interests. Some children enjoy reading nonfiction books while others may prefer mysteries, science fiction or adventure stories. It is important for beginning readers to practice and develop their newly acquired skills on a consistent basis.

Summer reading should be a time for students to enjoy their self-selected books. We have attached a list of authors that may help your child choose. Please assist your child in selecting books that are not too difficult or too easy but "just right". A "just right" book is one your child likes, can decode and comprehend. This reading experience can be a shared reading experience at any grade level. Read with your child, take turns being the listener and the reader. Listening to an experienced reader enables children to hear fluent reading and see that reading can be interactive and fun. Be sure to discuss each book with your child. Ask questions about his/her favorite part, character, chapter, picture, etc. Discuss books that you have read that have similar themes or genres. Enjoy making reading a part of the culture of your home.

Students are responsible for returning a book log. The book log is attached and additional pages may be added. All students will receive a special award recognizing their summer reading accomplishment. 100% participation is expected. We hope that summer reading is an enjoyable event for your child!

Sincerely,

St. Andrew Catholic School K-2 Team