

**Coastal Ridge Elementary School
Jane A. Stephenson Library**

Dear Parents,

Summer is here and school will soon be out. But just because the school year ends doesn't mean that reading and learning should stop. In fact, research shows that many children experience academic loss over the long summer break. The best predictor of loss or gain is whether or not a child reads during the summer.



To help you encourage your child to keep reading over the summer we invite you to visit the school library with your child, June 14 - 18, before (8:00 – 8:45) and after (3:00 – 3:30) school, to borrow CRES library books. School library books borrowed for the summer need to be returned between August 30th and September 10th. A parent must be present to sign a waiver agreeing to pay the replacement cost of any lost or damaged library materials. Please take care to not return CRES library books to the York Public Library.

It's not hard to help children keep interested in reading and learning. Children learn through a variety of activities, and almost everything they do presents an opportunity to read. You can make sure your children's summer vacation is entertaining and enriching by introducing them to new experiences, encouraging them to pursue their own interests – and combining reading and writing with their adventures. Make the most of long summer days. Rain or shine, make a splash this summer.

In addition, we encourage you to visit the York Public Library beginning the week of June 21 to sign your children up for the summer reading program "Make a Splash @ Your Library" and meet Splash the sea dragon. They won't want to miss weekly drop-in crafts, rainy day movies or the Family Fun Series programs during July and August. For more information: www.york.lib.me.us or call 363-2818.

Relax and enjoy a more leisure time as a family. But don't stop reading. In our summer community it won't be hard to make a splash in your family's summer fun.

Happy Summer Reading from the library staff,

Mrs. Rose & Mrs. Donnell