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Dear Parents/Guardians:

JOIN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS READING CHALLENGE!

It is the goal of the Hamilton Township School District to provide students and parents with resources for grade-appropriate, high-interest literature to encourage our students to read during the year. In support, the Mays Landing Branch of the Atlantic County Library has graciously offered to assist in matching students with appropriate books.

As an incentive to encourage reading, students who participate in the Reading Challenge will receive Summer Reading Challenge Certificates for the months of July and August and certificates each month during the school year. In addition, students will receive raffle tickets for monthly prizes. Students can keep track of their reading hours by using the Reading Log found here on the [Hamilton Township School District](#). You will find all the forms and resources you need for the challenge there. If you would like to join the challenge for the summer, students must turn in reading logs to their teachers no later than September 15, 2023.

Finally, you are encouraged to read the article linked here, "[Stop the Summer Reading Slide](#)" by Meg Lundstrom. The "Summer Slide" is well-documented by research and it states, "unless students read regularly during the break, they fall behind about three months in their reading achievement." This article presents several strategies to keep students reading throughout the summer vacation. We hope that you will join us in encouraging your child to read over the summer months and during the school year. We appreciate your support and cooperation. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call your child's school.

If your child does reading for any school in the district the reading can count toward the Hamilton Township School District Summer Reading Challenge.

Respectfully,

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Believe we can...Together.