



# Orchard Valley Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

The end of the 2008-2009 school year is here! The upcoming summer break often causes students to experience a pause in learning. **In an effort to lessen this effect, Orchard Valley Middle School implements a Summer Reading Program to encourage literacy.** This program aims to promote reading over summer break and provides incentives for students who take part in this program.

The Orchard Valley Middle School Summer Reading Program is initiated in June. Students will receive this parent letter and the Summer Reading Log. Students may select a book from the summer book list or any book with 100 or more pages. The summer book list can be accessed from the Orchard Valley website by clicking “Home” and then “Students.” Students may also log books they listen to on tape, read with a parent, or read to a younger child. Students are asked to document each book read over the summer onto their Summer Reading Log. The students will need to write the book title, author, and a brief comment about each book. **Parents are asked to talk to their child about each book and sign the reading log to verify each book was read.**

**On September 8, 2009, students should return to school with their completed Summer Reading Log and submit it to their current reading teacher.** All summer reading logs must be submitted to their teacher by **Friday, September 18, 2009.** Students will receive their reading prizes the following week.

During the month of June, it is recommended that parents review the book list with their child and help to select a book for the beginning of summer break. Periodically over the summer months, please monitor your child’s summer reading progress. Together we can reduce summer learning loss and increase literacy. **Thank you in advance for joining us in this important initiative to assist your child in becoming a lifelong learner.**

Sincerely,

Your Reading Teacher

*“Encourage Literacy!”*