

September, 2007



Dear Educator,

Summer reading loss is a consistent problem that occurs with many students year after year. Data from numerous research studies clearly indicates summer reading loss as one of the most identifiable explanations for the increasing gap in reading achievement between children that are economically disadvantaged and those that are not. In addition, it negatively impacts the reading progress of our less able readers. Clearly, solutions are needed to eliminate summer reading loss.

Several Oakland County PreK-3 MLPP trainers worked collaboratively to find solutions. They determined that successful readers have access to high quality, appropriately leveled books--the key to maintaining reading growth throughout the year. Discovering this, the clarifying question became: "How do educators get high quality and appropriately leveled books into the hands of children, especially the economically disadvantaged, during the summer months?"

Through their dialogue, a program was born, "*Super Summer Success--How to Maintain Reading Growth: An Educators' Resource.*" This program, which is founded on a strong research base, provides educators with research highlights, a "getting started" checklist, funding and book resources, parent and student communication tools, reminders, and ideas to motivate students to read all summer. In addition, there is a website where teachers can download parent SSS brochures, letters, bookmarks, booklists, check out forms, etc.

Learn how to guide your staff in encouraging less able readers to thrive all summer long and into the back-to-school days of September. The Kick-off for the *Super Summer Success Reading Program* will be held at Oakland Schools on October 30, 2007 and February 27, 2008 – see the attached free registration form. Registration is free but necessary in order to prepare enough materials. Please see the reverse side of this letter for registration information.

If you are interested in finding ways to minimize summer reading loss for students in your district, please plan to attend the Kick-off and learn more about the *Super Summer Success Reading Program*. Your interested colleagues are welcome to attend. This program could make an enormous difference in maintaining the reading growth you worked so tirelessly to achieve!

Sincerely, The Oakland Schools' Super Summer Success Reading Project Team

For program information, please contact Sandy Biondo, SSS Project Chair, or Ingrid Snyder, Early Childhood Consultant at 248.209.2512.

Super Summer Success Registration Form



If you do not receive a receipt, call 248.209.2500

Four convenient ways to register! Check in starts one half hour before the session begins.

Fax 248.209.2021

Email emregistration@oakland.k12.mi.us (include all of the following registration information)

Mail Oakland Schools, Event Management, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328-2736

Online www.oakland.k12.mi.us, click on "Register Online," then locate class

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