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Dear Parents,

We believe that the gift of literacy carries with it so many opportunities. The skill of being a good reader benefits the students in all content areas.

“Numerous studies have shown that students who don’t read or read infrequently during the summer see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. This effect becomes more pronounced as students get older and advance through the school system.”

In an effort to keep our kids reading this summer and avoid the summer slide, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School staff are offering a challenge to our students. The challenge is to see which group, the students or the staff, can read more minutes over the summer months. The challenge begins on June 10 and runs until August 30.

With this challenge, we would also like to inspire our students’ awareness of how blessed we are to live in a country that gives us so many opportunities to access books and further our education. Each year we have been able to donate money and books to Books for Africa. *Our hope is that we will receive \$1 and/or one book from all of our students and staff to donate to this worthy cause next fall.*

To keep track of your minutes over the summer. Use **the link** you will find on [our school website](#) to electronically record your minutes. You may do this as often as you wish, but only enter the **new minutes** each time.

If the students beat the staff, they will again be rewarded with an ice cream treat. The top reader in both the elementary and middle school will receive a \$10 Dairy Queen gift card. The top reader in each grade level will also receive a free book. We are adding one new incentive this summer. If the students beat the staff by 70,000, the staff will do a **dance** for the students.

Thank you for your continued support of your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Osberg and SEAS Staff