

READ, UNDERSTAND, GROW!

June 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

Kent Center School is participating in **CONNECTICUT READS – the 2009 Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge**. This annual program encourages students to keep a list of the books they read during summer vacation. This includes *audio books*, *read-alouds*, and *independently read books*.

As a participating school, we are asking KCS students to record the authors and titles of the books they read this summer. They may keep track on the enclosed SUMMER READING JOURNAL or on a regular sheet of paper. Students participating in Kent Memorial Library’s summer reading program may use the form provided by the town library to log their reading. Adults or older siblings may write down the information for younger children.

We will collect student book lists when we return to school in September. All Kent Center School students who turn in summer reading lists will receive a discount coupon to the House of Books for 20% off all of their book purchases from the first day of school (August 31, 2009) through Columbus Day Weekend (October 12, 2009). This incentive is courtesy of the generosity of Jim and Gini Blacketter at the House of Books bookstore. Beyond that, students who turn in lists will also receive a dated memento funded by our generous and supportive PTO.

As with previous years, we will tally the results and report our reading success to Governor Rell. We know KCS readers will produce amazing results!

Enclosed you will also find a suggested reading list. Classroom teachers and I created the lists, also available on the KCS website (www.kentcenter.com), to help families guide their summer reading choices. You should consider the reading level of your child when selecting from the list. Some choices may be more appropriate than others. The town library has offered to make the titles available in the junior library. Be sure to check out their summer reading display.

Happy Reading,

Betsy Morrow
School Librarian

Enclosures: summer reading journal, suggested reading list