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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy summer!! As you may know, New York State requires elementary students to be versed in reading fiction and nonfiction. It is important to look at your student's guided reading level on his/her report card and use that to help select appropriate reading materials over the break. We have collected a few resources to help you guide your child/children in reading a combination of fiction and nonfiction at their reading level.

Here are websites to look at for book suggestions over the summer:

- **Emma S. Clark Public Library:** A great resource for all our students. The website offers a list of fiction and nonfiction books by guided reading level. Check it out and see if the book you want is available to borrow. <http://kids.emmaclark.org/guided-reading/>
- **Scholastic Common Core Reading List:** This resource divides books by grade level for nonfiction and literature. Once you have selected the appropriate grade level list, click on the "buy the book" to find out the reading level and get a description of the book. Then visit your local library to borrow!  
<http://commoncore.scholastic.com/teachers/books/non-fiction>.
- **Virtual Reference Collection (VRC):** An assortment of subscribed online databases that our school district provides. **You will need the username and password which is located on the parent portal.** Databases are listed in alphabetical order by category.  
<http://xaa.auth.orc.scolaid.net/bin/dblisting>

**Recommended VRC Databases:**

**BookFlix** pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks.

**TrueFlix** helps students hone literacy skills while building knowledge of subject-area content.

**Novelist Plus** is a readers' advisory service, it provides recommended reads by genre. It has a special feature called "read-alikes" that helps you find similar books to your favorite authors and series.

We hope you find these resources helpful! Be sure to sign up for the summer reading program at Emma Clark Public Library. Can't wait to see which school will win the Emma Cup this year!!

Have a wonderful summer,

Three Village Elementary Librarians