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Dear Parents,

Now that kindergarten has come to a close, we are concerned that the gains made this year may fade by fall. Please help your children by exercising their minds during the summer months. Our recommendations for them are:

- 1. Read five times a week for fifteen minutes each time. Use a calendar and check off the days.**
- 2. Alternate days reading with a partner and silent reading alone. After reading about two pages with a partner (a relative or friend), close the book and retell what you remember. This will improve your memory of what you have read. If you do not remember what you have read, do what good readers do—reread that part.**
- 3. Find a new word each time you read. You can use the strategies of getting your mouth ready and looking for small words inside of longer words.**
- 4. Once a week, pick a favorite book you read and write a letter to an important character or to the author. Look at the attached sheets as models and rewrite your letter on loose-leaf, or on the computer.**
- 5. Hand in a minimum of six letters in September and you will be awarded a special writing award at the Reading Olympics Assembly!**

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Mazzo and the
Kindergarten Teachers**

MODEL 1
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____

and you were my favorite character. You made
me laugh (or feel sad or any other feeling) when you

_____.

This reminded me of when _____

_____.

Sincerely,

MODEL 2
(FOR FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____

and you were my favorite character. I noticed that

_____.

If I were you _____

_____.

Sincerely,

MODEL 3
(FOR NON-FICTION)

Date _____

Dear _____,

Hi! I just read the book _____
and found it very interesting. I remember when you

_____.

This made me think (or wonder) _____

_____.

Sincerely,

