



*St. Edward on the Lake*

**SUMMER**

**READING CHALLENGE**

Summer reading is crucial to maintaining student progress while school is not in session. Not only does summer reading improve vital reading skills (fluency, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary, etc.), it also increases the desire to read, improves self-esteem, and helps to prevent the dreaded “summer slide.”

To ensure that our students don’t lose the achievement gains they made throughout this past school year, the St. Edward on the Lake PTO is putting on a Summer Reading Challenge! Each student who completes the attached “ABC Challenge” and returns it to their teacher by the end of the first week of school will be entered into a prize drawing. One student from each class (grades K-5) will win a \$50 gift card! A participation prize (including a coupon for one free item from the school store) will also be awarded to any student who turns in a completed challenge sheet.

This is not mandatory, however, we would love to encourage our students to participate in a fun challenge that promotes reading and will help them maintain the reading gains they made during the school year!

Remember, if your child is in need of reading material, we have amazing local libraries that are open all summer!

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact Jillian Spotts, our Student Enrichment Coordinator, at [jillianspotts@gmail.com](mailto:jillianspotts@gmail.com).