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Dear East Lyme Public School Families,

As we write this letter the 2019-2020 school year is coming to a close. Like you all, we have found ourselves in unprecedented times, trying to find a new balance of work and school for our families while looking ahead to an uncertain future. As we reflect on the challenges of this school year we also look forward to the summer as a time to rest, recharge and read.

Parents, we know that many of you are also looking forward to the upcoming summer break and we want to support you and your children in your summer reading endeavors. For many of us reading can be a wonderful escape and during these challenging times, diving into a great story can be a great way to distract ourselves. Whether you are listening to a story be read aloud, reading together as a family or curled up under a blanket alone we want to give you options for new stories to explore.

To our students, we want you to reflect on the stories you have read in the past. How many books start with characters who wake up one day to find that everything has changed and they now need to find their courage to navigate uncharted waters? We are those characters now, and like all of our favorite heroes we will come through these challenging times stronger than ever.

The attached summer reading lists are completely optional. These are only suggestions for those of you who are looking for guidance on what to read next. You do not need to keep any reading logs or lists. If you have any questions please reach out to us via email.

Sincerely,

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