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Dear Levittown Families,

Summer break is quickly approaching! This summer we are excited to extend our Summer Reading Program to our incoming fifth grade students for the second year in a row.

Throughout June, each elementary school will host a Literacy Launch where current 4th grade students will get a copy of the **required** text *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. We encourage students to read the story with purpose and meaning. When they come into class in September, 2017, students should be ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read. Students are welcomed to use post-its to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way, but please do not annotate or highlight in these books. There will be activities and an at-home project that will be assigned in the fall that connects with this book.

To enhance the students' engagement with this novel, we have partnered with the Levittown Public Library and will be holding Book Discussion Days during the summer. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, August 17 from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM - Northside, Abbey Lane, and Summit Lane
Tuesday, August 29 from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM- East Broadway, Gardiners, and Lee Road

The Book Discussion Days will be filled with hands-on activities, lively book chats, light refreshments, raffles, and a whole lot of fun! Registration will be directly through the Levittown Public Library. Be sure to sign up early as registration for these voluntary book discussions are on a first come, first serve basis.

In addition to the Book Discussion Days, there will be a dynamic website to explore. Simply click the *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* logo button from the Levittown School District's homepage to explore the site. You will find opportunities for students to explore interactive learning games thematically related to the book, a multimedia link with audio and visual supports as well as links to the author's homepage.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement with the summer reading initiative. Our goal for the community read is to develop a love of reading and promote lifelong readers. We wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

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Director of ELA