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Dear Parents & Families:

As we come to the end of this school year, the KDE family wants to again express its appreciation for your support and cooperation throughout the last ten months. We have served as school counselors at the school for only four months now, and it has been a pleasure getting to know your children during that time. We look forward to continuing to further develop these relationships in the next school year.

Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make the year rewarding and memorable.

As the summer months arrive, there are some very important things you can do to help your children succeed.

- Engage in meaningful conversations everyday. Take time to really listen to what they have to say.
- Read to and listen to your child read. Ask questions, make predictions, and make connections to real-life situations as you read.
- Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, and journal entries are some great ways to get thoughts organized and put onto paper.

Back to School

Students are to report to the 2015-2016 school year on **Thursday, August 13**. KDE will have its annual **Meet and Greet** during the week of August 3. If you haven't received a phone call about this event by August 3, call the office for information. The purpose of this event is to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and drop off school supplies. Parents are not allowed in classrooms on the first day of school due to district safety concerns.

Summer Programs for Your Child

1. SuccessMaker is a software program that individualizes instruction in reading and math to your child's learning level. Access SuccessMaker at this web address: successmaker.lpss.int/lms/sm.view OR Google successmaker login. Student SIDNO can be found on their report cards; this number is the User Name and Password.
2. LSU's Continuing Education Department is offering *free* reading programs this summer in Lafayette for 4-year olds through entering 5th graders. Call (800) 834-3693 to register or to receive more information. Class size is limited; you are encouraged to register early.

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3. Research shows that kids lose 2-3 months of math learning every summer. Free Summer Math Program with TenMarks software is proven to maintain and build math skills for children finishing grades 1 through 11th. Register online at summer.tenmarks.com.
4. Childrens Museum of Acadiana is offering summer camps in construction, jewelry making, fun day camps, art, and scrapbooking. Call (337) 232-8500 to register.
5. Escape the Ordinary—Lafayette Public Library 2015 Summer Reading Program
6. LPSS Parent Resource Center, located at Vermilion Conference Center at 325 Gauthier Road, offers parents the opportunity to checkout materials to help their student at home. Visit the website (www.lpssonline.com/site4613.php) to view what materials are available for checkout. Materials also include DVDs and board games.

These suggestions can lead to big successes next year for your children. Have a fun and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,



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