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Dear Parents,

New York State requires all students to read 25 books a year (including July and August) outside the regular school day. This year all students will be required to **read 20 books and respond to them** by June 3, 2019 to participate in our annual **Seabreeze** field trip. In order to meet those requirements students should read at least two books per month while school is in session. **Seabreeze** is a trip to celebrate all our accomplishments for the year and becoming a stronger reader is a goal for all of our students. Just as students practice for a sport, practice a musical instrument or songs in chorus, they need to practice reading to become a better reader. This is part of their responsibility as a learner.

The D.E.A.R. (Durand Eastman Always Reads) home reading program is a monitored reading program. Teachers / students alike keep track of their reading by recording their books on a D.E.A.R. card and completing a short reading response activity for each book read. (Students have a variety of response activities to choose from in every classroom).

- *Each student who completes a book and response card has an opportunity to enter a daily raffle. A silver box in the library will be used to collect response cards. Every day a name will be pulled and the student chosen will win a school store coupon redeemable for a free item at the school store. Their name will be announced on the DE TV daily during morning announcements.*
- *Each child who reads and responds to 10 books by the mid-year point, February 8<sup>th</sup>, will be treated to an ice cream party in the cafeteria with me.*
- *Each child who reads and responds to 20 books by June 3, 2019 will attend our annual Seabreeze field trip. Our school goal is for all of our students to participate in the Seabreeze field trip this year.*

Books for D.E.A.R. should come from the teacher's classroom library. However, if a student has a book from home or from the D.E. / Public library that they wish to read, they should have it approved by the teacher. All D.E.A.R. books should be at the student's independent reading level – not too hard, not too easy, but just right.

D.E.A.R. reading is part of student's nightly homework, although reading response activities can be completed at home or during the school day. It is highly recommended that students read four to five times a week to keep up with their reading goals, but more importantly, to independently practice comprehension strategies taught in school. Teachers will be sending monthly communication slips home sharing your child's progress in meeting the 20 book expectation.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading achievement! We ask that you discuss DEAR with your child and sign and return the form to the classroom teacher indicating your understanding of these expectations. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions and be sure to attend curriculum night where we will be discussing academic expectations for students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Roach  
Principal  
DE Teachers

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**P.S. Students who have read over the summer will be credited up to five books toward their goal!**

**D.E.A.R. Home Reading Program**

*(Please detach and return to your child's classroom teacher)*

**I have read and understand the D.E.A.R. home reading program. My child is expected to read and respond to 20 books BY June 3, 2019 in order to attend the Seabreeze field trip on Friday, June 21, 2019.**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Child's name (first and last)**

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**Teacher's Name**

*Please write on the back of this sheet any questions or comments you have and return to your child's teacher.*