AVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and/or guardians,

Happy summer! Before the summer months take us in a million different directions, Avon School's administration would like all of our families to be aware of some great programs offered at the school. Our "Academic Summer Camp Series" are offered for FREE to all of our returning students and provide an excellent opportunity to build on the wide array of literacy and mathematic skills developed over the course of the school year! Please see below for registration and course descriptions.

Additionally, Avon administration is kindly asking that you take a moment to complete the Spring 2014 Parent Survey. Information provided will assist in both short, and long term, district planning.

We are looking forward to hearing all of the students' amazing stories of places visited, interesting experiences, and friendships made during their summer vacation! Have a wonderfully relaxing summer.

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Parent Survey:

Kindly take a moment to complete the Spring 2014 Parent Survey to help administration plan for the upcoming year and provide valuable information for long term planning. We welcome your feedback and assessment of the recently completed school year.

• Spring 2014 Parent Survey - <u>HERE</u>

Required Reading (Grades 6-8):

This year, middle school students will be asked to read one (1) book to accompany the suggested reading list put out by the middle school literacy team. These texts are relevant, challenge our students to think about the world through various lenses, and most importantly provide them with common background knowledge for inter-disciplinary class discussions. These titles can be found on Amazon and Barnes and Noble for purchase however I encourage you to visit local branches of the Monmouth County Library to reserve a copy! The district has purchased multiple copies of each title to lend students as well and will be disseminated on a first come, first served basis.

- Grade 6 *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- Grades 7 and 8 Wonder by R.J. Palacio

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Academic Summer Camp Series:

<u>Literacy Bridge Program</u> (Grades 1-3) - Research shows that students in the early literacy years lose one or more reading levels over the summer and require valuable class time in the early fall for recovery. In order to avoid the "summer setback," Avon School will be offering a **FREE** weekly reading program to maintain literacy levels, provide students with added intervention support, and continue to foster a love for reading. Avon School's Literacy "Bridge" Program is offered to all students who will begin in grades 1-3 in September - and is conducted by some of your favorite teachers! Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help support consistent literacy instruction.

- One-hour classes will be held on Wednesday mornings from July 16-August 27 (8:00-9:00am). *Note: If the need for a second session is warranted, session two will be from 9:30-10:30am*)
- REGISTER HERE

<u>Summer Jump Start</u> (Grades 3-8) - Designed to provide students with academic support and preparation in a fun, safe, and relaxed environment. The experience will help students get back into the school mindset, refresh basic content concepts and skills, and help recommit students to academic work habits.

Summer Jump Start will be offered in Mathematics and in Literacy, each in their own one week session. Students may elect to attend either content weeks or only one. This program is **FREE**, but space is limited – enrollment will be first come, first served based.

- Week One: Mathematics Monday, August 18 Thursday, August 21
 - o Session 1: Grades 3-5 (8:00am 10:00am)
 - o Session 2: Grades 6-8 (10:30am-12:30pm)
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- Week Two: ELA/Literacy Monday, August 25 Thursday, August 28
 - o Session 1: Grades 3-5 (8:00am 10:00am)
 - o Session 2: Grades 6-8 (10:30am-12:30pm)
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