



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
20301 MAIL SERVICE CENTER • RALEIGH, NC 27699-0301

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

May 29, 2009

Dear Parents,

Summer is finally here – a time for our kids to have a break from school and spend more time with the family. Studies show the summer is when our students are at risk to lose some of the reading skills they learned during the school year, so let's make sure they can have a good book in their hands while away from the classroom. With the Find-a-Book Web site, www.lexile.com/findabook, your kids can do just that. They can find books that will help them continue learning – and learn to love reading.

The Find-a-Book site uses a student's Lexile reading measure to determine appropriate reading books for your child. A Lexile measures a student's reading ability and a book's text difficulty, and it is the most widely-adopted reading measure in use today. In North Carolina, students in grades 3-8 as well as high school students taking the English I state assessment, will receive a Lexile measure in their end-of-year test results.

Attached you will find a flier about the Find-a-Book Web site that will explain how to use a Lexile measure to find books your son or daughter will like, so they can spend summer break enjoying, retaining and growing their reading skills.

We also encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of summer reading and take them to your local public library. Many librarians and library directors will have information about Lexiles and other youth programs to encourage students to read for fun.

During the summer my husband, Bob, and I will read to students across the state. I urge you also to become involved in volunteering for the summer reading program, and to encourage others to join this program as well. I'm confident that you will find that the summer reading program is a rewarding experience through which you can make a difference for your kids and others in your community.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to help students "Find-a-Book" and grow their reading skills this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev Perdue".

Bev Perdue