



## Hale Area Schools

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Another successful school year has ended at Hale Area Schools. We topped it off with Graduation for the Class of 2023. Their summer will look different than any other has at this point in their lives.

What does summer bring for our returning students? Relaxation and rejuvenation is much of the summer break. A few will do school work to catch up on their studies or sharpen their skills. There is something every student needs to be doing during the summer. We need all of our kids to **READ!**

Our youth do have the opportunity to complete specific classroom type work if they wish too, but it is imperative that all of our kids read for enjoyment during the summer. Reading during the summer will help them grow because their minds will be engaged.

Our families can and should help with this. This help may look different at different ages, but families can help. If real young, maybe read with your students by taking turns reading each sentence or paragraph. As they get a little older, maybe have the students read a few paragraphs and explain to you what those paragraphs mean. As students get toward high school age, maybe you can choose a book of interest to both the adult and student, and at times throughout the book, discuss the portions you have read.

These are just some ideas on how to read throughout the summer. The most important thing is to have the kids reading. There is another huge benefit to your students

*Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower all students to be successful, lifelong learners in an ever-changing society, confident and respectful individuals who are able to live safe, happy, and active lives, and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to their community.*

reading in the summer with you. Reading with our kids helps to ensure quality time with each other. We live in a detached world. Intentionally spending time with the youth in your life pays dividends that cannot be measured.

Enjoy your summer! Read with your children! It is a privilege for us to partner with you all in helping our youth grow and develop into adults that will be prepared to lead our world.

Educationally Yours,



Jeffrey J. Yorke, Superintendent

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