Florida Educators,

The “summer slide” is a preventable occurrence we are well aware of when it comes to our students. Without practicing reading, math, science and other skills over the summer, students can lose more than one month’s worth of school knowledge. With summer fast approaching you may have given parents tips and tasks for their child to prevent the summer slide, but what about preventing it for yourself?

Enjoying beach days, visiting family, morning yoga classes, and traveling are all an essential part of rejuvenating yourself, but one thing you may consider is creating a summer reading list. I’ve been keeping track of book recommendations all year, and am excited to share a few with you! My current read is *Immunity to Change* by Robert Kegan and Lisa Laskow Lahey. It was recommended by my colleague David Chambers, Educational Policy Consultant at the DOE.

Check out the JFT Summer Reading List and don’t forget to share your recommendations with the JFT Community on Twitter. Make sure to tag @educationfl and @kellyzunkiewicz in your tweets!
SUMMER READING LIST:

- Dr. Paul Burns, Deputy Chancellor of Educator Quality: Empower by John Spencer and AJ Juliani

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SAMANTHA NEFF

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• David Chambers, Educational Policy Consultant: *Immunity to Change* by Robert Kegan and Lisa Laskow Lahey.
• Tammy Jerkins, 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year: *The Innovator’s Mindset* by George Couros
• Kyle Dencker, 2019 Teacher of the Year Finalist: *Unlocking the Clubhouse: Women in Computing* by Jane Margolis and Allan Fisher
• Molly Diallo, 2019 Teacher of the Year Finalist: *The Power of Moments* by Chip & Dan Heath
• Patrick Farley, 2019 Teacher of the Year Finalist: *The Wild Card* by Hope and Wade King
• Samantha Neff, 2019 Teacher of the Year Finalist: *Heart!* by Timothy D. Kanold
• Joy Prescott, 2019 Teacher of the Year Finalist: *Mindset* by Carol Dweck

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**Articles to Share**

Get parents involved early by sharing articles, book lists, and resources before summer is here. Below are three articles on the Summer Slide and how to prevent it. These are quick and easy reads that are perfect for sharing on your class website, in an email, or even to print and send home with your students.

1) “Hit the Water Slide, not the Summer Slide”
2) “How to Minimize Summer Slide”
3) “Facts and Fiction About the So-Called ‘Summer Slide’”

**Summer Literacy Pledge**

Florida’s students are being challenged to pledge to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break. Each student can fill out his or her pledge at [Summer Literacy Pledge](#). Following the summer break, the department will recognize the top 10 schools with the highest percentage of participation. The school whose students read the most books will receive a surprise visit from First Lady Ann Scott. Check out all 2018 Summer Literacy Adventure Resources by clicking [HERE](#).
@FLAnnScott welcomed students from @LeonSchools’ Roberts Elementary School to the Governor’s Mansion for the eighth annual Summer Literacy Adventure kick-off. Learn more & take the pledge today! bit.ly/2jUuALK