



**LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Levittown Memorial Education Center  
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Dear Levittown Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have a few short weeks left in the school year. With that being said, we are getting ready to embark on the Summer Reading Extravaganza for Summer 2015. We are instituting a new way to utilize our Summer Reading to make it become part of the students' core curriculum when they enter their new grade in the fall.

Therefore, it is MANDATORY that each student read the required anchor text Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein. The ONLY requirement that we ask of your child is to read the book. They must do so thoughtfully, and must be prepared to come into class on September 2, 2015, ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its to gather thoughts and quotes that resonate with them along the way, but please do not annotate or highlight in these books.

To enhance the students' engagement with this novel, we have partnered with the Levittown Public Library and will be hosting Book Discussion Days throughout the summer. The dates are as follows: Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 PM; August 5 at 3:00 PM; and August 26 at 7:00 PM. There will be snacks, activities, and a lively book discussion on each of these days.

In addition to the Book Discussion Days, there will be a dynamic webpage to explore. Simply click on the "logo button" (see image above) from Wisdom or Salk's home page. Here you will find "Video Check-Ins" by faculty, a "Creativity Page" that will provide a channel for your child to share their interpretation of what they have read, and a link to the author's home page where there are additional games and activities to explore.

This Summer Reading Extravaganza will also be tied to the Levittown Library's Summer Reading program. Every time you enter the Levittown Library over the summer, you will get to enter a contest to win "Having LUNCH with Chris Grabenstein in October!!!"

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this new initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students college and career ready, and also encourage the love of reading. We wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kerin Slattery'.

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