



**Fresno Unified School District**  
**Office of Communications**  
2309 Tulare Street ~ Fresno, CA 93721~ (559) 457-3733

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**#21.6.7.2**

**Contact:** Vanessa Ramirez, Public Information Officer  
[Vanessa.ramirez1@fresnounified.org](mailto:Vanessa.ramirez1@fresnounified.org)  
Cell: (559) 443-9644

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**District to Provide Extra Literacy Support over Summer**

**What:** Fresno Unified will provide extra literacy support over the summer for elementary students, including sending new books home with students

The district has planned several initiatives for improving the reading skills of elementary students over the summer and preparing them for a full-time return to campuses in August. Programs include:

- **Grab and Go book packs:** Students in kindergarten through fifth grade attending the district's Summer Academy summer school will receive a pack of five grade-level appropriate books that have an underlying message promoting social emotional development. The pack will come with a student literacy skills journal and a "Family Guide to Literacy" to help parents support reading at home. The books will be available in English and Spanish.
- **Camp Read-a-Lot:** Summer school program for students in kindergarten through third grade targeted for extra help that begins on June 14 and ends on July 12. The program is held at two sites in each high school region. Most teachers return year after year because they understand the importance of this intervention. Students get to take five new books home to keep.
- **A4 Reading Program:** The program is a collaboration between the district's Office of African American Academic Acceleration (A4) and the Springboard Collaborative for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It will be held June 14 to July 14 at Ayer, King, Thomas and Williams elementary schools.

“We know that literacy is the key to success for our students. These extra reading opportunities will help fill in gaps for our elementary students and prepare them for the next grade,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

*Stay informed of Fresno Unified’s activities online:*

