

June 7, 2019

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending Field Day yesterday! Thank you to Mr. Malone for organizing such a fun-filled day for the children and for the important focus on Super Heroes and good sportsmanship. What a terrific way to connect to our HERO theme! Thank you to our staff members who worked so hard to run the games and cheer on the children, and Mr. Smith for all his help in setting up the equipment. A big thank you to Mrs. Di Blasio and Mrs. Silver who chaired the event, and to all the parents who helped and supplied water and watermelon. The children also enjoyed a fruit ice in the afternoon and carried their ribbons home proudly, thanks to the GPFA. We appreciate the ongoing support of our parent community. We couldn't do it without you!

Although we have just ten full days of school remaining, the teachers are still very much focused on strengthening your child's skills in advance of summer. This is especially true in the area of reading. Research shows that children can lose as many as three months of reading growth over the summer. Next **Wednesday, June 12th at 9:30**, Mrs. Schmid and I will be conducting a workshop for parents on ways to **reduce screen time and increase reading time** this summer. Please join us for an informative and important discussion!

Additionally, I would like to respectfully request that parents limit early releases from school to situations that are unavoidable. We have had an inordinate number of early pick-ups this month, which certainly has an effect on instructional time. We appreciate your cooperation.

Once again, thank you for attending Field Day and for your ongoing support of our school.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein