

## Keeping Kids Off the Summer Slide



As a means to help the students maintain their reading progress, I have registered our classroom to participate in an online reading event at [www.letterpals.org](http://www.letterpals.org). Summerfest 2009 is FREE, provides daily dynamic content and activities to read and do, and starts on June 22 and runs through August 2.

This reading program uses the unique approach of a **personalized** adventure letter format. Each letter is 3-pages in length, fully illustrated, and includes a series of questions to be answered at the end of each. It features the Pet Shop Pen Pals, a group of very special pets who love to write to kids and tell them all about their adventures.

There will be 24 letters to read, and a new daily letter will be made available every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week along with activities, games, giveaways, contests, and prizes. Don't worry if you are out of town and miss a letter or two, they will be waiting for your child when you get back. Simply log in, look for your child's personal mailbox and have fun!

Please register your child by going to [www.letterpals.org](http://www.letterpals.org), click on the Parents Sign Up tab, and enter the requested information along with our classroom identification number 906820.

I will be keeping an eye on his/her, progress and by working together, we can send them to the next grade primed for reading.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gebauer