## GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Superintendent's Summer Literacy Adventures**

The 2013 Summer Literacy Adventure Program, a partnership with the Florida Department of Education, encourages children to stay active and motivated about reading during this year's summer break.

Studies have shown students who read throughout the year are better able to retain their knowledge and continue learning. During summer vacation, it is especially important for students to spend time reading and writing on a regular basis, whether the student is a beginning or proficient reader.

"Strong reading skills are the foundation needed to learn every other subject," said Commissioner of Education Dr. Tony Bennett. "When students read regularly they gain confidence and ultimately do better in school and in life."

Each student can fill out his or her reading pledge on the <u>Summer Literacy Adventure</u> website. At the end of the summer, program representatives will announce which school has pledged to read the most books, and the winning school will receive a special visit from Florida's First Lady Ann Scott.

To learn more about the program, watch First Lady Ann Scott's <u>2013 Summer Literacy</u> <u>Adventure</u> video. For more valuable resources for students and parents, visit the <u>Just Read</u>, Florida! Office website or our district's website at www.gcps.k12.fl.us/.