Providence Glen was awarded a Literacy grant from Dollar General to supplement our summer program. This summer we focused on reading fluency and comprehension and, more importantly, getting the students excited about reading! The Literacy grant allowed for us to purchase two iPads for the program, field trips and student incentives which included a shopping trip to Half Price Books where each student bought books for their personal library. It was so exciting to see the students’ enthusiasm about reading grow over the course of the summer because they were able to choose their own summer reading library. Through our summer reading program, 100% of the participants either maintained or increased their end of school year reading levels!

Providence Glen students also had the pleasure, this summer, of reading to senior residents of the Corbin Commons community. Every Thursday, PG students would read aloud stories of their choice to senior citizens. It was wonderful to see how the residents and students really enjoyed these weekly visits.
Part of the success of the Summer Literacy program was giving the students the freedom to read what they wanted to read. On the first day of summer programming, Providence Glen took a field trip to the Main Columbus Library where the students used their own library cards to choose books from their summer reading “wish list”. After that, every Thursday for the six weeks of program, the Columbus Library’s BookMobile visited the Providence Glen community for an hour each time. This gave the students the opportunities to exchange books as they wished. Columbus Metropolitan Library did a wonderful job of stocking the BookMobile with age-appropriate books in popular demand! We were very grateful to have the BookMobile as a part of our Summer Literacy Program and look forward to them visiting the community again soon!