

Dear Parents,

The summer reading challenge is a way to develop in your child a love for reading and to maintain the current level of skills that your child has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child's summer.

How to Help Your Child Select a Book:

YOU are the key in helping your child select summer reading books which will be of high interest and will also be at your child's independent reading level. The independent reading level is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material without adult supervision. Please use these guidelines in helping your child select appropriate reading material:

- Find books about their favorite topic or hobby.

- Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator.

- Use the "Five Finger Rule." Choose a book that you think your child would like to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As you come to words they can't pronounce or don't understand, put up a finger. If you put up five fingers put the book back. It's too hard for them.

Attached you will find a list of fun activities for your child to complete over the summer. If your child completes all of the activities, he/she can turn in the form for a special reward on the first day of school.

I am also including a suggested book list.

Encourage your child to have fun with the activities!

Have a great summer!



SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Any book in the sports series by Matt Christopher

Any book by Beverly Cleary

(#) Any book in the Sugar Creek Gang series by Paul Hutchens

(#) Any book by Lee Roddy

Any book in the Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald Sobol

Any book in the Boxcar series by Gertrude Warner

Any book in the Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Any book in the American Girls series

Any nonfiction book approved by your parent

(#)Burnford, Sheila – Incredible Journey

Byars, Betsy – The Summer of the Swans

Estes, Eleanor – The Moffats

(#)Fritz, Jean – Make Way for Sam Houston

King-smith, Dick – Pigs Might Fly

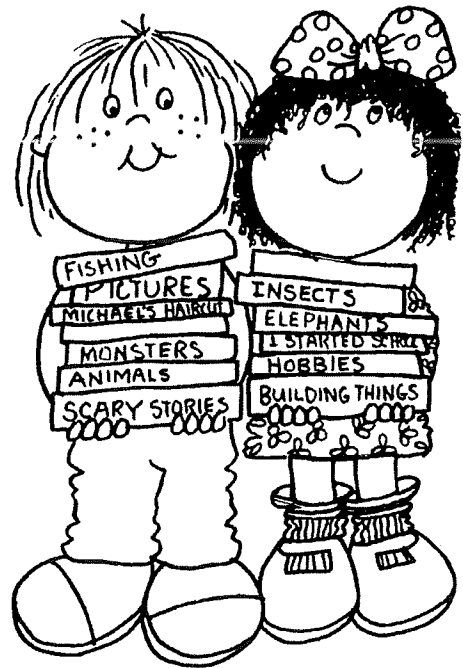
(#)Lawson, Robert – Ben and Me, Rabbit Hill

Levitin, Sonia – Journey to America

Machlachlan, Patricia – Sarah, Plain and Tall

(#)White – Stuart Little

An # next to the author's name indicates that the material is challenging for this grade



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Stay smart all summer!

Read a book with blue (like the summer sky) on the cover. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book barefoot. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book with a dog or cat in it. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book in the shade. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a non-fiction (true) book. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book to a real animal or a stuffed animal. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book about friends. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book in your pajamas. Title: _____ Author: _____
Read a book with yellow (like the sun) on the cover. Title: _____ Author: _____
Free choice. Read any book you want. Title: _____ Author: _____

Each book can go in only one box. List only books you read this summer. When school starts, bring this to your teacher or librarian for a prize!

Parent Signature: _____