

Dear Families,

As we head into the summer months, we hope that you enjoy the warm weather and leisurely pace of summertime. Many of you will be camping, boating, swimming, traveling, and enjoying relaxing evenings with family and friends. We would like to add one more activity for your child to enjoy.... **READING!**

Research shows that children who do not read over the summer often lose some of the progress they have made during the school year. To stress the importance of continuing to read over the long break, we are requiring summer reading for our incoming fifth grade students. Students will need to read as many books as they can and write a response on the back for their favorite one. They will bring this paper with them on the **FIRST** day of the new school year. This will be their very first Language Arts grade. They should be prepared to discuss their book with their classmates.



Books allow our students to go on wonderful adventures in the comfort of their own homes (or cars, hammocks, beach chairs, etc.) We are looking forward to hearing about the exciting journeys our students have taken over the summer. The more books students read, the greater their reading skills become. Enjoy your travels!

Partners in reading,
5th grade Teachers

Requirements:

***Incoming fifth graders:** Your job is to read as much as you can this summer! Set a goal for yourself as a reader this summer below. Please record the books you have read on the bookmark. Make sure to choose your favorite book to write a response about and share with your classmates on the first day back. (on the back of this letter)

Students can look at many book talks for ideas on books to read at:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/tradebooks/booktalks.htm> or

<http://www.lexile.com/fab/>

