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Dear Upcoming 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders,

Welcome to summer reading! In order to maintain the reading skills you have acquired this year, you will be required to complete book reports this summer. Summer reading will help you keep your brain actively learning throughout your extended break. The books chosen for each grade can be found on the other side of this paper.

Requirements:

- Upcoming 4th graders: one book report (choose from two options)
- Upcoming 5th graders: two book reports; one for each required book
- Upcoming 6th, 7th, & 8th graders: two book reports; one for the required book & one for a book selected from list

Book Report Format:

- Upcoming 4th graders: use the specific forms for your book
- Upcoming 5th- 8th graders: use the attached book report form or type your report, following the required format.

These book reports will count as your first grades in Reading when you return in the fall. During the first week of school, you will be tested on your knowledge of your summer reading books, and will be required to take a test or complete a project on your books.

If you read additional books over the summer, please write them on the "Summer Reading Log" form. They will be calculated into points that you can redeem at the Scholastic Book Fair in September.

Reading is a great way to relax and have an adventure! While you are improving your reading skills, you will be taking a journey that the author is creating for you. We hope that you enjoy your summer reading. Don't leave your summer reading assignments until the end of August. Give yourself time to make this a joy and not a chore!

Happy summer reading!



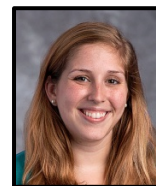
Mrs. Weber
(4th Grade)



*Sr. Carolyn
Marie Betsch*
(5th Grade)



Mrs. DeVito
(6th grade)



Ms. Greenwell
(7th grade)



Mrs. Thompson
(8th grade)

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2014 Summer Reading List

GOING INTO 4th GRADE:

Required books:

- 1) *The Mouse & the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary
- 2) *Jimmy the Pickpocket of the Palace* by Donna Jo Napoli

GOING INTO 5th GRADE:

Required books:

- 1) *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- 2) *Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

GOING INTO 6th GRADE:

Required book:

- 1) *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

And one of the following:

- 1) *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- 2) *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin (complex plot)

GOING INTO 7th GRADE:

Required book:

- 1) *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson

And one of the following:

- 1) *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor (challenging southern dialect)
- 2) *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- 3) *Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery
- 4) *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

GOING INTO 8th GRADE:

Required book:

- 1) *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen

And one of the following:

- 1) *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- 2) *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt
- 3) *Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas (advanced)
- 4) *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- 5) *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett