

# SUMMER READING!

Dear Families,

It is essential for your child to read over the summer to actively nurture the love of reading, develop literacy skills, and be prepared for the following school year. Research shows that if children do not maintain their reading habits throughout the summer, they can lose up to two months of learning and progress from the previous school year. For this reason, it is important to surround students with a variety of high-quality books and help them make time for regular reading throughout the summer. Through summer reading, we hope students will continue to develop their love of reading, keep up their hard-earned skills and get to know a wide range of authors, series, and genres.

In addition to independent reading, parents should read aloud at least one chapter book with their child. This shared reading experience will help develop your child's vocabulary and critical thinking skills. While reading aloud, pause with your child to discuss the book. Ask your child questions, such as, "What is happening in the book?" "Can you identify the problem?" "What do you think is going to happen next?" "What in the text makes you think that?" "Is there a part of the book that stands out to you and why?"

Our goal is for reading to be fun and meaningful. Through independent and shared reading, we hope your child will experience the "thrills and skills" of reading.

Happy Reading!

Anna, Carly, Maggie and Jane

Your 3rd and 4th grade teachers



Take a Trip with a Great Book!

Have you ever heard that reading a great book can transport you to a different place? This summer, your fourth grade teachers want to see where your reading takes you!

You should be reading lots this summer! **Use the reading log below to keep track of your reading.** If you run out of space, continue it on a new piece of paper. At some point this summer, choose a book that really took you somewhere—one that surprised you, or made you laugh, or taught you something new, or that you just loved. **On the attached postcard, write a letter to tell your future teacher about the great book you read.** Bring in the postcard on the first day of school so we can get to know a bit about you as readers when the school year starts!

Your postcard should include:

- ☐ the title and author of the book you loved
- ☐ a summary of the plot in a sentence or two
- ☐ what makes the book great (Was it the story? Something the author did? Something you learned?)
- ☐ a detailed illustration on the front that goes with the book
- ☐ your name (don't forget to sign your letter!)



We can't wait to read all about your reading adventures!

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