

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!

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Your 3rd and 4th grade teachers



