

Dear Incoming 4th and 5th Graders,

I'm SO excited to be your teacher next year! Between now and the start of next year, there will be some work for you to do this summer to stay sharp and prepare for 4th and 5th grade.

### **SUMMER READING 2025**

I'd like all incoming 4th and 5th graders to continue their practice of reading throughout the summer. Not only is reading FUN, but it will also keep your skills sharp. I recommend developing a routine - for example, in the summer I always try to read for thirty minutes while I drink my morning coffee!

Each student should read at least 5 chapter books this summer. At the end of this letter you will find links to book lists that can be used for ideas and guidance. Students should keep track of the books that they read on the attached Book Log. This sheet should be turned in to me when school starts in the fall. Students should be prepared to discuss/write about two chosen summer reading books on the first day of school.

To bring some fun and variety to the summer reading, there is a bingo card at the end of this letter that you should consider trying out. The card is to challenge you to read in different places as well as different types of books. The goal is to hit as many bingo spaces as possible, and also to have fun and try something unique. Simply mark off the spaces as you complete them, have a parent sign them, then bring the card to school on the first day.

Here are some book lists to help guide picking books:

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-fifth-graders>

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-fourth-graders>

<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/5th-grade-historical-fiction>

<https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/newbery-medals-honors-1922-present.pdf>

To review, I ask that on the first day of school, students bring in the summer reading grid, the bingo cards if completed, and a copy of their two favorite summer reading books.

Please let me know if you have any questions! I'm here to help. I can be reached at [jamiatkittredge@gmail.com](mailto:jamiatkittredge@gmail.com)










Wishing you a wonderful summer and looking forward to next year!

All the best,

Jamie



# Summer Reading Bingo

Read out loud to an adult	Read in a comfy spot 	Read a play out loud with a group of friends	Read a book that a friend recommends	Reread a favorite book 
 Read a biography	Read a story you wrote yourself	Tell a joke you read in a book 	Read in a pillow fort	Read a magazine article
Read a book by your favorite author	Read to a stuffed animal (or a real one!) 	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Read the directions for a game	 Read outside
Try a book you think you won't like (you don't have to finish it!)	Tell an adult three facts you read in a book	Write a review of a book you've read	Read with a flashlight 	Read a book you got at the library
 Read one book in a series	Read out loud to a little kid	Read a short story 	Retell a story you read in your own words	Read in bed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have an adult sign each box you complete over the summer.

Blackout Board: \_\_\_\_\_

One Line Complete: \_\_\_\_\_