

June 6, 2018

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Parents,

Summertime is a delightful time for relaxing, exploring, and **READING!** We are asking all incoming 5th graders to continue their practice of reading throughout this summer. Not only will this give them a pleasurable pastime, it will also keep their reading skills sharp. Please try to develop a simple summer reading program with your child. It could as simple as a quiet time set aside each day for reading.

Each student should read several 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 a sheet of lined paper which will then 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. I ask that students bring in a copy of one or both of their books to share with the class. The first project of the school year will involve their summer reading.

I would ask that children **NOT** read any of the following titles, as they may be part of our coursework throughout the year:

- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Sophia's War
- Counting by 7s
- Esperanza Rising
- A Long Walk to Water
- When You Reach Me

To bring some fun and variety to the summer reading, there are two bingo cards at the end of this letter that your child should consider trying out. The cards are to challenge them 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. They should mark off the spaces as they complete them, and bring the cards to school on the first day.

At Kittredge School we strive to instill your children with a love of reading. As parents, you can help by setting an example of reading for pleasure. To this

end, I encourage you to sit back, relax, and lose yourself in a good book this summer... I know I will!

Here are some book lists to help guide your child:

[Amazon.com: 5th Grade Chapter Books](#)

[Amazon.com: 6th Grade Chapter Books](#)

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

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

<http://www.greatschools.org/cgi-bin/showarticle/678#Historical>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, please get in touch if your child is having a hard time picking books. I'm always happy to help with personal book recommendations. Your children will soon learn that the only thing I love more than great books is recommending great books to great kids! ☺

I hope you all have a great summer. Happy reading!

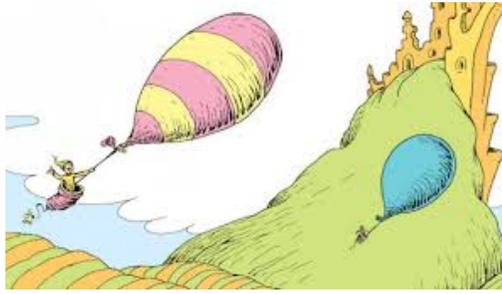
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Oh The Books You Will Read... Summer Reading Bingo Card #1

Here is a different way to keep track of the books you read this summer. The goal is to read as much as possible. Be sure to record titles/authors on a separate paper. Good luck and have fun!

Read a book longer than 300 pages.	Read a book about a person who lives differently/looks different than you.	Read a book set in a country other than the one where you primarily live.	Read a book that is part of a series.	Read a non-fiction book.
Read a book written by a local author.	Read a book checked out from the library.	Read a book you own, but have never read before.	Read a collection of short stories.	Read a picture book.
Read a poetry book.	Read a book which has been turned into a movie.	Read a book which has received an award.	Read a book recommended by a friend.	Read a book written in verse. For example: <u>Inside Out and Back Again</u>
Read a graphic novel.	Re-read a favorite book.	Read a book outside of your comfort zone.	Read a book of your choice.	Read a book about someone overcoming a challenge.



**Oh the places you will read...
Summer Reading Bingo Card #2**

Where will you read this summer? Here is a second unique way to keep track of where you read books. Be creative! Be unusual! Will you read in a tree house? Will you read while standing in line at the ice cream shop? Or do you plan to read while riding in a gondola? The goal is to read in as many places as possible.

Read under a tree or under the moon.	Read by flashlight.	Read with a parent.	Read aloud to another person-sibling, cousin, friend, etc.	Read in a boat or on a plane or in a car.
Read while swinging.	Read on the couch.	Read in a fort.	Read in your pajamas.	Read to someone on the phone.
Read by a campfire.	Read while sitting on a beach towel.	Read at home ☺	Read while high up in the air.	Read while laying in the grass.
Read somewhere where there's a beautiful view.	Read while eating something cold.	Read in your favorite place at home.	Read at the library.	Read in a bookstore.