



## SUMMER READING 2021

Dear Incoming 4th and 5th Graders and Parents,

Summertime is a delightful time for relaxing, exploring and READING! We are asking all incoming 4th and 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. It could be as simple as a quiet time set aside most days of the week 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 the attached grid. 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. There is an attached worksheet to fill out on each of these two books. I ask that students bring in these completed worksheets and a copy of both of these books on the first day of school.

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

### **4th grade:**

- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- Cricket in Times Square
- The Wild Robot
- One Crazy Summer
- Frindle
- Beyond the Bright Sea

### **5th grade:**

- Sophia's War
- Home of the Brave
- Esperanza Rising
- 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 you 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. Simply mark off the spaces as you complete them, and bring the cards to school on the first day. Again, this is optional.

Here are some book lists to help guide picking books:

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

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

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

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

Please let us know if you have any questions. Also, please get in touch with us if your student is having a hard time finding books they like. We are always happy to help with personal book recommendations.

We can be reached at [katiebrad@gmail.com](mailto:katiebrad@gmail.com) and [a4nfam@comcast.net](mailto:a4nfam@comcast.net). We hope you all have a happy and safe summer.

- Katie & Amy





### 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. 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 U.S.	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 that has been turned into a movie.	Read a book that has received an award. (For ex: Newbery Medal)	Read a book recommended by a friend.	Read a book written in verse. For example: <u>Inside Out</u> and <u>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.



### 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.	Read by flashlight or under the moon.	Read with a parent.	Read aloud to another person-sibling, cousin, friend, etc.	Practice reading out loud.
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 under a table.	Read while lying 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 (if it's open).	Read in a bookstore (if it's open).