



Dear Family,

As summer vacation approaches, students will be enjoying their time off with some fun in the sun! This is also a great time to catch up on some math and reading. Since both subjects can be done anywhere at any time, students will be required to complete math and reading activities during the summer. The completed activities are to be brought to their new classroom on the first day of school.

**\*\*THIS WILL BE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST MATH AND READING GRADE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR\*\***

**How to Get the Reading Books**

The required books can be found at the public library or purchased from any local or on-line bookstore such as Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

**What Can Parents Do?**

- Read with your child in a comfortable location.
- Have your child read aloud to you.
- Set aside regular family reading time where you can discuss the occurrences of the story.
- Ask your child questions about the story as they read it. This will help him/her better understand it, while letting them know you are interested.



*Select 2*

Grade	Title of Books
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look For the Lorax</li> <li>• Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</li> <li>• The Very Hungry Caterpillar</li> </ul>
First Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Bug. A Bear, and a Boy</li> <li>• Cam Jansen and the Spaghetti Max Mystery</li> <li>• Nate the Great and the Sticky Case</li> </ul>
Second Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover</li> <li>• The Magic Fish</li> <li>• Horrible Harry and the Secret Treasure</li> </ul>
Third Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah, Plain and Tall</li> <li>• Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People (poetry)</li> <li>• Soccer on Sunday (Magic Tree House)</li> </ul>
Fourth and Fifth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James and the Giant Peach</li> <li>• Schooled (Gordon Korman)</li> <li>• Frindle</li> </ul>



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### Reading Activities:

**Read 2 books from the Summer Reading Booklist and choose one activity per book to complete.**

#### Entering Kindergarten

- Create a life-size portrait of one of the characters from your book.
- Create a FLIP FLAP BOOK.
- Make a 3 minute video recording with a reenactment of one of your favorite events from the story. You may use friends and family members as actors and actresses. Please copy the video onto a DVD, or email to your teacher.

#### Entering 1st Grade

- Create a FLIP FLAP BOOK.
- Make a diorama in a shoebox depicting a scene from the book. Include the title, author, and a paragraph explaining the scene and why you chose that particular scene.
- Design an original book cover for the book. It cannot look like the cover of the published book. The book cover must include the title, the author, and an original drawing of a scene that represents the book on the front cover. It should have a short summary of the book on the back. The cover must persuade people to read the book.

#### Entering 2nd Grade

- You will create a character from the best book you read over the summer using a template shaped like a person. You can draw and/or use other materials to make the template look like the character. Then you will write a paragraph about the character's traits using proof and examples from the text.
- After reading a book select the 5 most important words in the book, and explain why these words are important to the main idea(s) or information presented.
- Make a mobile showing words, pictures or symbols of ideas, events or information presented in the book.

## Reading Activities

### Entering 3rd Grade

- You will choose a character from one of the books you read and decide on character traits to focus on. Character traits tell all about how a character looks and feels! You will write the traits on a bookmark template. You will then choose 6 traits from the bookmark and fill out a graphic organizer with evidence from the text to support your choices. REMEMBER to bring the completed bookmark and graphic organizer to school the first week of school.
- Draw a multi-colored movie poster for the book. Put usual movie information on it. (Who would you cast? location, setting, etc.).
- Pick the most important word, line, image, object, or event in the book and explain why you chose it. Be sure to support your choice with examples.

### Entering 4th Grade

- Write a letter to your new teacher about your summer reading book
- Draw a map of the book's setting and explain how it contributes to the meaning, mood, tone, and beauty of the text.
- Choose a character. Write whether or not you would want him/her for a sibling, parent, or friend, (choose one) and explain why.

### Entering 5th Grade

- You will write a letter to your new teacher about your summer reading book.
- Create a dramatic monologue for a character in a specific scene. What are they thinking or feeling at that moment? Why?
- Create a collage with words and pictures around central idea, theme or characters in the book.

**Choose ONE reading activity for each book you have read.**

**You will be turning in a project for the two books read over the summer.**

## MATH SUMMER FUN

Your child had a busy year learning new math skills. Mastery of all these skills is extremely important in order to develop a solid math foundation. Next year's math program will add onto these skills, so any time spent learning or reinforcing these concepts will be very beneficial for your child. Each year builds upon the previous year's skills in math.

Your child will have a choice to complete a summer math reinforcement packet or log into reflex math twice a week. A reflex lesson is not complete until the light turns green (upper right side). **You have the option of choosing the packet or the reflex math lessons.** Please make sure that whatever option you pick, your child completes it during the summer. It is usually during this long break that many children forget all the topics they learned.

If your child has completed the math problems and you feel your child is still struggling on a certain concept and needs further practice, you can have your child play games on some of the web sites listed on the packet (choose the lesson on the website that will assist you child in the topic they are struggling with).

You can find the math packet on the school website or ask your child's teacher for a copy. The reflex math username and password will be provided by the math teacher.

