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2016 Summer Reading Challenge

With summer quickly approaching, we'd like to share with you our Summer Reading Challenge. While summer is a time to have fun, relax and enjoy being free from school responsibilities, it's important for students to take part in educational activities so they don't lose any learning over the vacation.

Our Summer Reading Challenge is optional for all grades (N-8) but we truly hope many students will participate. The Challenge does not take the place of your child's summer assignments from their new teachers. Rather, the Challenge is an incentive-based summer reading program for all students at all levels that will benefit your child. By participating in the summer reading program, your child will boost his/her comprehension and vocabulary level, retain the gains he/she made during the school year, increase his/her reading speed and help him/her become more successful in the upcoming school year.

At each level, the student will be responsible for keeping a log of the books read. You can design your own log sheet. You can keep track with a sticker chart, paper copy, computer paper, etc. It really doesn't matter how you keep track this year. The only thing you have to pass into your teacher on the first day of school is the page titled, Summer Reading Challenge 2015. At the various levels, students will be expected to read age-appropriate material. Nursery, preschool and kindergarten students will most likely have parents read picture books to/with them. Grade 1 & 2 students should choose appropriate leveled books with parental assistance. Grades 3-8 should choose chapter books/novels that are leveled and age appropriate.

Most chapter books list the reading level on the back cover. The reading level (R.L.) is usually in numeric form. For example, an R.L. of 4.5 is equivalent to grade 4/5th month of school. We are depending on students and parents to work collaboratively to select appropriate books. This year, we introduced your child to Accelerated Reader. It would be extremely beneficial to your child to select books at the level they end school on. However, your students will not have an opportunity to "test" on these books.

Please read on to learn about the incentives for summer reading.

Incoming Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten

(picture/story books read by/with parents)

of Books read

1-5 books: Certificate of Participation & no uniform pass

6-12 books- Pencil, bookmark & 2 no uniform passes

13-19- Pencil, bookmark & 3 no uniform passes

20+ Pencil, bookmark & 5 no uniform passes

Incoming Grades 4-5

(read on their own)

of Books read

1-4 books: Certificate of Participation & no uniform pass

5-8 books- Pencil, bookmark & 2 no uniform passes

9-14- Pencil, bookmark & 3 no uniform passes

15+ Pencil, bookmark & 5 no uniform passes

Incoming Grades 1-3

(read on their own)

of Books read

1-3 books: Certificate of Participation & no uniform pass

4-6 books- Pencil, bookmark & 2 no uniform passes

7-10- Pencil, bookmark & 3 no uniform passes

11+ Pencil, bookmark & 5 no uniform passes

Incoming Grades 6-8

(read on their own)

of Books read

1-4 books: Certificate of Participation & no uniform pass

5-8 books- Pencil, bookmark & 2 no uniform passes

9-14- Pencil, bookmark & 3 no uniform passes

15+ Pencil, bookmark & 5 no uniform passes

Remember, reading can be tons of fun and can take you on adventures to places you've never dreamed of! So, start visiting your local library, trade books with a friend once you're done reading, sit back and relax and enjoy all that reading can bring to you! Good luck to all who are willing to take the Challenge!