



Summer Reading Projects



Grade 3 – 5

“*Summer slide*” is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. The research is clear that children who don’t read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. Reading over the summer not only keeps your child from losing ground, but actually improves skills for the coming year.

Although it is not required, we highly encourage your child to read three grade level appropriate chapter books during the summer. Additionally, have your child complete a project from the list below for at least TWO of the books. These projects can be turned in to your child’s homeroom teacher at the start of a school year for a special prize from administration. Happy reading!

Summer Reading Project Options (one per book):

- Write a diary entry that one of the story’s main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book’s events. Remember that the character’s thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
- Write a different ending for the book.
- Create a scrapbook page about 3 key characters. Make sure to include specific character traits and the impact they had on the story.
- Summarize the book into a comic story aimed to share with your classmates.
- Write a news article about an important event from the book.
- Choose two characters from the story and write a conversation they might have.
- Make a list of at least 15 new, unusual, or interesting words or phrases found in your book. Explain what they each mean.
- Design a new book cover for the book that will help others understand what the book is about.
- Write an acrostic poem about the book using the letters in the title of the book, the name of the author or the name of one of the characters.
- Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However you choose to present your interview is up to you.
- Use magazine photos to make a collage about the story. Include a description of why those particular magazine photos were chosen for your collage.
- Compare and contrast two characters in the story. Write to explain how the characters are similar and how they are different.
- Make a timeline of all of the major events that take place in the book.
- Rewrite the story for younger children in picture book form.
- Write a letter to the author of your novel and explain how you feel about the book.