



Dear Parents,

As summer approaches, thoughts of family time, sunshine and beaches fill our minds and warm our hearts. Your child has learned a great deal this year and is deserving of a nice break. At the same time, it is also imperative that each student continues some academic work over the summer so as to not lose the gains made in the classroom over the past academic year. In order to make summer work as productive and accessible as possible, we will be utilizing **two online platforms for all summer prep work and all login information will be provided by June 15:**

IXL - Your student's teacher will assign work to be completed over the course of the summer. This work will focus mostly on mathematics and can be completed any time over the summer from anywhere with internet access. **Each student must complete all work and score an 85% or higher. This will be the first grade in the first quarter gradebook.**

Accelerated Reader - Summer reading will be assigned using Accelerated Reader. Students will read books from their teacher's assigned reading list and complete assessments online. Each student earns points for successfully completing an assessment and must earn the designated amount of points by their teacher. Point totals vary depending on the length and difficulty of the book. **Students who do not pass the assessment with 85% or above on their chosen book will not be allowed to retake the assessment to earn points.** Rather, such students will be required to read another book at their level and complete that assessment with an 85% or above rather than retaking the previous one. **This again will be included in the first quarter grade.**

With these two online platforms in math and reading, there will be no need to print or fill out paper summer prep work, as all the assessments will be taken online. **These assessments will count as their first grades of the new school year.** It is our goal to use these engaging platforms to help students develop a joy for learning and continue to achieve academic growth throughout the summer. So, whether your students are grabbing a book to read by the pool or on the beach or are staying inside under the covers on a rainy day, we hope their love of reading will be a part of a wonderful summer vacation.

Sincerely,

The Administrative Team



SUMMER READING LISTS

Next to each grade level below is an Accelerated Reader point total. Students entering that grade level must read the number of books necessary to reach that Accelerated Reader point total. The specific books listed below each grade level are required. To achieve the remaining required points, if any, students may choose from any Accelerated Reader (AR) book(s) on their individual Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) level as indicated by their final STAR Reading report. In order to receive credit, students must pass the online Accelerated Reader test with an 85%. If a student does not pass the test, that test may not be retaken and the book will not count towards their point total. The student must choose a new AR book. **You may look up the AR quiz by searching for the AR Quiz Number listed next to the book.**

Kindergarten (1 point)

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn (30793)

One or more additional books totaling 0.5 points

1st Grade (2 points)

First Grade Jitters by Robert Quackenbush (138384)

One or more additional books totaling 1.5 points

2nd Grade (3 points)

Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo (88160)

One or more additional books totaling 2.5 points

3rd Grade (5 points)

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell (174)

One or more additional books totaling 3 points

4th Grade (9 points)

**The Last Egret* by Harvey Oyer (3 points)

One or more additional books totaling 6 points

*There is no online test for this book. Students will be assessed upon return to school.

5th Grade (12 points)

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (5440)

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (29554)

6th Grade (19 points)

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (170995)

**The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo (102971)

One or more additional books on ZPD level (enclosed in Summer Reading Packet under STAR Reading report) that total 8 points

7th Grade (20 points)

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin (144)

**Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (160220)

One or more additional books on ZPD level (enclosed in Summer Reading Packet under STAR Reading report) that total 2 points

8th Grade (25 points)

The Traveler's Gift by Andy Andrews (400004)

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom (74597)

One or more additional books on ZPD level (enclosed in Summer Reading Packet under STAR Reading report) that total 9 points

*This gives access to a teacher-created quiz for this book.

*Students should not take *The Young Traveler's Gift* test.