



Happy Summer !

**SUMMER READING!
STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH
GRADE IN SEPTEMBER 2010**

Dear Soon-to-be-fifth-graders,

Summer is almost here, and it will soon be time to relax and enjoy the sunshine as well as the summer fun that awaits. Now is the time to start thinking about summer reading, and summer reading projects; don't worry they're not painful!

First of all, I hope you read as much as possible. Expectations for each student are different. For some of you, reading 20 titles in the summer will be a snap; for others, getting through six may be all that you can manage, especially if you select long, challenging books. Some of you will be traveling, or attending camp. Each of you will have different routines, and each of you will need to find time to read.

THE CARD

I'd like each person to read at least four books, that he or she chooses for herself or himself. Consider selecting a variety of books, including fiction and non-fiction alike. **You may not read books you have already read.** You will record **the title** and **the author** of each book on an index card I will provide for you. You must write the date started and the date you finished the book on the card. Please have your parent sign the card as you finish each book. Here is a model of the card:

	Started:	Finished:
Maisy Mouse		
<i>Riding Freedom</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan	6/14	6/24
<i>The Wish Giver</i> By Bill Brittain	7/1	7/15
<i>The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe</i> by C.S. Lewis	7/15	7/25
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder	8/1	8/15



THE PROJECT

For your two favorites books that you have finished, you must make an illustration. This may be in ink or colored pencils or watercolors, but it **MUST** be on paper that is exactly **6 inches by 6 inches square**. I will supply you with a model, but you can make your own 6-inch square piece if you need to.

You will make an illustration for your favorite book from your summer reading.

- Take your time with your illustration because we will be using it when we return to school in September.
- On your picture, the title and YOUR NAME should appear.

When school begins, we will share our summer reading with each other. Bring in card and your 6 x 6 illustration on the first day of school.

You can begin reading for your project after the graduation ceremony. I look forward to seeing all of you in September! In the meantime, keep reading.

Sincerely, Ms. Howard

