



Happy Summer !

SUMMER READING!

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:

Student Awesome	Started:	Finished:
<i>Riding Freedom</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan	6/16	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

Part 1. For your **favorite** book that you have finished, you must make a character portrait. This may be in ink or colored pencils or watercolors. Your name, the character's name, and the title of the book must appear on the page. Take your time with your illustration.



Part 2. For the book you have created a character portrait for, you must write a 25 word summary of the book. Using fewer words is a skill for Grade 5 students, so this is good practice. Capture the main idea of the story in as close to 25 words as possible. This work can be typed or hand-written. Make sure your name is on this summary.

Your project is due on the first day of school in September. You can begin reading for your project *after the Grade 4 graduation ceremony*. I look forward to seeing all of you in September! In the meantime, keep reading.

Sincerely,

Ms. Howard