

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

With summer on the horizon, most students are thinking of vacations and fun in the sun. They look forward to lots of relaxation and not having to wake up to attend school. However, this does not mean that academics should be placed on hold.

Research by John Hopkins University has shown that students experience a loss of reading and learning abilities over the summer if they are not using these skills. Since we want them to become enthusiastic readers and continue to develop a passion for learning, we are proud to announce the continuance of our Summer Reading Experience.

Over the summer, students must read **three (3) books**, only one of which must come from the recommended reading list. The others can be student choice, as long as they are on the appropriate reading level. If your child is currently a student at Franklin Academy, reading levels are available from your child's teacher.

After reading each book, students will complete a graphic organizer with specific information to demonstrate their understanding of the text. Pictures are welcome along with the writing.

This new Summer Reading Experience was introduced last year, and it became an instant hit with both students and parents. It offers children the opportunity to share their reading adventures with their teachers and classmates in the fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Miss Sander ([sander.nancy@franklin-academy.org](mailto:sander.nancy@franklin-academy.org)), our Curriculum Coach.

Please encourage your child to complete the Summer Reading Experience.  
Thank you.

Mr. Piper