

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

With summer on the horizon, most students are thinking of vacations and enjoying activities 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.

Students will have a choice of reading comprehension activities to complete based on the books they have selected. Each student 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. These levels are available from your child's teacher and Accelerated Reader/i-Ready reports.

Students will complete one activity for each book, and they must make sure to select their choices from different categories. There are six different categories, and students may not select more than one activity from each category. The types of activities and explanations of each are included for your reference. For those who truly enjoy writing book reports, guidelines for those are attached as well.

This new Summer Reading Experience was introduced last year, and it was well-received by both students and parents. We are confident that this program will continue to be a rewarding one for our students. It offers them the opportunity to share their reading adventures in a modality that is best suited for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Miss Sander, our Curriculum Coach.

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

Mr. Piper