

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Greetings! As the school year comes to a close and the warm, sunny days of summer beckon, we hope this letter finds you excited for a well-deserved break. This year we want you to enjoy spending time with your families as much as possible. To that end, there is no written assignment for your summer reading adventure.

We want your child(ren) to enjoy their reading experiences, and we encourage you to read to, and with, your children—yes, your new fourth and fifth graders like being read to! So, grab some books from the library, or the local book store, or Amazon, and take them to the beach, or camping, or on your next road trip. Explore new people, places, and cultures...through great books! You will find attached a list of suggested books to help your child discover new interests. Please do not limit your child to books on their “level”, if they want to try a book...go for it!

Wishing you an incredible summer filled with unforgettable adventures, both within the pages of your books and beyond. Enjoy the sunshine, relax, and let your imagination soar!

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

The Intermediate School Reading Teachers

4th and 5th Grade Summer Suggested Enrichment Reading List

The Boxcar Children - Gertrude Chandler Warren

A Little Princess - Frances Hodgson Burnett

Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery

The Great Cake Mystery - Alexander McCall Smith

The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart

The Penderwicks - Jeanne Birdsall

The Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster

Redwall - Brian Jacques

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

Tuesdays at the Castle - Jessica Day George

The Railway Children - E. Nesbit

The Princess and the Goblin - George MacDonald

2023 Summer Reading List 4-5 Kaleidoscope Enrichment Reading

Grade 4 *Students may read books from either list!

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

Battle for the Castle by Elizabeth Winthrop

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Drama by Raina Telgemeier (Realistic Fiction)

Grade 5 *Students may read books from either list!

The Forgotten Key by Alexander Key

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs

Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar (Historical Fiction)

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberely Brubaker Bradley

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements (Science Fiction)

Fantasy League by Mike Lupica (Realistic Fiction; Sports)

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston (Action; Adventure)

Found by Margaret Petersen Haddix (Science Fiction; Time Travel)