June 12, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This summer we are asking students entering first through fifth grade to participate in our **Jacobs Summer Reading Challenge**. The Jacobs Summer Reading Challenge is to read three or more books from the attached summer challenge sheet. Our goal is to encourage students to read what they enjoy and are interested in.

Children’s author Kate DiCamillo reminds parents that, "Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift." With that in mind, students entering first through fifth grade are **responsible** for reading at least three books of their choice and **challenged** to read more. They are required to complete ONE “book talk” form (see attached). The **Summer Reading Challenge and Book Talk form** should be returned on the first day of school. Prizes will be awarded for students who read:

- **5 or more books** on the Summer Reading Challenge will get 5 Pirates Gold the first week back at school.
- **10 or more books** on the Summer Reading Challenge will get 5 Pirates Gold plus an extra recess the first week back at school.
- **15 or more books** on the Summer Reading Challenge will get 5 Pirates Gold, an extra recess, **plus** they get to eat lunch with Mr. Shaw or Mrs. Cappadona the first week back at school.

Local bookstores and libraries are a great resource for materials and programs to foster reading. Many of them have summer reading programs to encourage reading as well. On the back of this letter are book recommendations from our reading specialists if you are looking for book ideas.

And don’t forget to take a picture of your child reading in their Core Value T-shirt this summer! We will kick off the year with a RAD photo gallery of summer readers.

Have a wonderful summer,

Christine Cappadona
Principal
Summer Reading Suggestions from Your Reading Specialists:

Grades 1, 2 & 3:

**Early Picture Books**
- Should I Share My Ice Cream by Mo Willems
- The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach
- Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin by Chieri Uegack
- Look Again: Secrets of Animal Camouflage by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- The Good Egg by Jory John and Pete Oswald
- Rescue & Jessica by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes
- Bear Can’t Sleep by Karma Wilson
- After the Fall by Dan Santat

**Early Chapter Books**
- Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
- A Girl Named Misty by Kelly Starling Lyons
- Drawn Together by Le Minh
- The Escapades of Clint McCool by Jane Kelley
- Marvin Redpost: Why pick on me? by Louis Sachar
- Real Friends by Sharon Hale
- Narwhal and Jelly by Ben Clanton

Grades 4 & 5:

- Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
- Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez
- Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor
- The Super Life of Ben Braver by Marcus Emerson
- Explorer Academy: Nebula Secret by Trudi Trueit
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullay Hunt
- Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord
Jacobs Summer Reading Challenge for _______________ (STUDENT NAME)

- CHOOSE A CATEGORY - READ A MATCHING BOOK - WRITE DOWN THE TITLE - CHECK THE BOX -
- READ AT LEAST 3 BOOKS - COMPLETE ONE BOOK TALK - CAN YOU READ 20 BOOKS THIS SUMMER?

☐ A book that is funny ____________________________________________

☐ A biography ___________________________________________________

☐ A book that is a true story _______________________________________

☐ A book that you read aloud to someone ____________________________

☐ A book that has a poem in it _______________________________________

☐ A fictional book about a historical event ___________________________

☐ A Newbery Award winner _________________________________________

☐ A book that has a mystery in it ________________________________

☐ A book with a one-word title _____________________________________

☐ A book with more than 99 pages _________________________________

☐ A book with a yellow or blue cover _______________________________

☐ A book that was published the year you were born __________________

☐ A book you have also watched as a movie __________________________

☐ A graphic novel or comic book ___________________________________

☐ A Caldecott Award winner _______________________________________

☐ A book title with the character’s name ___________________________

☐ A new book published in 2019____________________________________

☐ A nonfiction book _______________________________________________

☐ A book with animals in it _________________________________________

☐ A book in a series you hadn’t read before __________________________

☐ YES, I READ 20 BOOKS!
# Summer Reading Book Talk

**Title of Book** ___________________________  
**Author** ___________________________

**What made you pick this book?**

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**What kind of a connection did you have with this book?**

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**What did you like about this book?**

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**How many stars do you give this book?**

- 1 = Didn’t Like It  
- 2 = Just OK, wouldn’t recommend  
- 3 = Pretty Good, might recommend  
- 4 = Liked it, would recommend  
- 5 = LOVED IT! Would definitely recommend!

**Name** ___________________________  
**Teacher** ___________________________