

July 1, 2014

Dear Upper Level Families,

Attached, please find the Upper Elementary reading list for this summer. We are asking students to read at least five books over July and August. Students must select three from the list provided and two more of their personal choice. Also provided is a list of books that are used as our novel selections during the school year. Please **do not** read books on this list.

If you are an incoming student from Junior Level please read from the first year list. Students who will be in the second and third years of Upper Level should consult the second and third year lists, respectively. For each of the five novels read, students should complete a summary sheet. The novels read this summer may be used in conjunction with selections read throughout the upcoming year. These sheets will serve as notes to remind children about the story and characters. Students should record enough information about plot, character and setting to be useful through the year in our literature discussions.

One of the books you choose will be used for our first writing assignment and oral presentation upon returning in September.

For many years our community has recognized the need to encourage reading during the summer. At this level it is also necessary to keep our math brains in gear!! It is best if students work for 15 minutes each day rather than hours right before school starts. We expect that all students will continue to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts so those tables are mastered (especially the multiplication facts!) Each student will also receive work to reinforce the skills acquired this year. It is often obvious which students have worked on math over the summer. It may be beneficial to help your child build in their reading and math reinforcement each day. They arrive needing less review and ready to jump into new concepts sooner.

We wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. We look forward to the adventures and challenges the new school year will bring. Play, swim, nap in the sun, read, and calculate!

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