

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the primary goals of our balanced literacy program is for every student to experience the joy of reading. During the school year, teachers strive to immerse their students in literature. Children are exposed to a variety of genres through the use of guided reading, shared reading, independent reading and read aloud selections. Reading during the summer months is a way of extending these experiences and encouraging continued growth in literacy.

The Board of Education requires all students beginning in second grade to read two books and complete a written response over the summer. In addition, we are challenging our students to set their own summer reading goals.

Required Assignment for grades 2 and up: Read two books from the attached list and complete the reading response forms. Return the forms to your classroom teacher in September. Additional forms are available on the school website.

Optional Challenge for Grades 1 through 4: Set a "Mission Possible" reading goal and work to accomplish it over the summer. Record the information on the log sheet and return it to your teacher in September. Additional log sheets are available on the school website. Parents, please work with your child to set a realistic, individual goal. Here are some suggestions:

- Read one book each week.
- Read for 15 minutes each day.
- Read for an hour each week.

The attached list suggests books and authors for your child's grade. The list was compiled using the *Children's Choices* and *Teacher's Choices* Booklists published by the International Reading Association. For more information or to view the complete lists, visit www.reading.org.

Summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy a good book. We hope that your family is as excited about the summer reading challenge as we are.

Sincerely,

Kim Reeves
Reading Specialist

Chauncey Fitzgerald
Media Specialist