

SUMMER READING

As **Second Grade** comes to a close, we want to stress the importance of summer reading. Charlotte Mason reminds us that, “It is in the lap of the parent that a child first explores the universe of the printed page. Children of all ages must be immersed in the world of literature.” -*When Children Love to Learn*

Today, parents and children have a multitude of enticements competing for their attention. Consider what you wish to instill in your child this summer. All too often, children plead for access to the digital market with its adrenal boosting sights and sounds. The challenge is guiding children to recognize the life-giving beauty of a story. In order to cultivate virtuous character, build background knowledge, and nurture a love of reading, we must spend time in quality literature. Finding precious time to snuggle up and read to and with your child, or listen to them read a book to you, creates the perfect pathway to enter the world of living books and relish all of the mysteries, surprises, and wonders they contain.

Our choices change who we are and how we live. How we spend our time influences our character. Open the books, read beyond just this list, and let us give to our children one of the best gifts they could receive—time spent with you, cultivating a life-long love of reading. Review the suggested choices and discuss with your child which books might be the best book choices and then enjoy the reading journey by asking lots of questions about the ideas each book presents.

Rising 3rd Graders: Summer Reading List

Please have your child read widely and often both with you and independently! Please choose a **minimum of two fiction books** from the following list so your incoming third grader will be prepared for the class activities in August. The non-fiction books are optional and only the beginning of what you can read with your child to explore the wide-world and build background knowledge for upcoming science and history topics.

Fiction:

My Fathers Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney
The Long Winter by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Henry and Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

Non-Fiction Suggestions:

Any Early Reader or picture book related to:
animals & habitats, weather, hearing, seeing,
life cycles, Rome, Vikings, Thirteen Colonies

“As you read my stories of long ago, I hope you will remember that things truly worthwhile and that which will give you happiness are the same now as they were then. It is not the things you have that make you happy. It is love and kindness, and the memories you share.”

— **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

