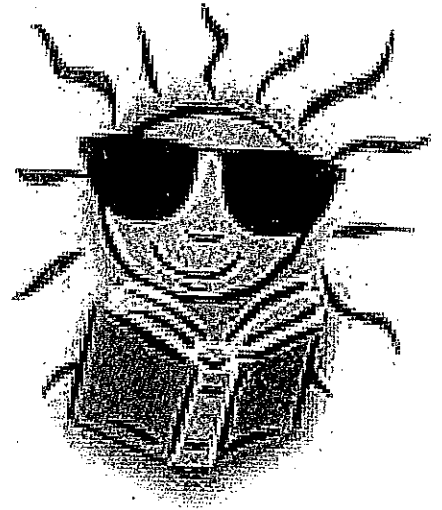
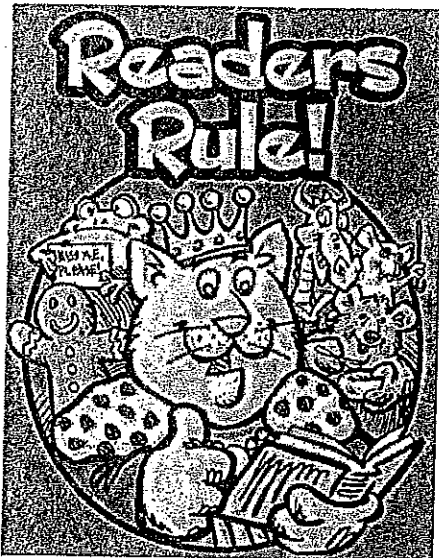


SUMMER READING at Calvary Christian School



Educators agree - summer reading is a **VERY** important strategy for maintaining and improving literacy skills. (See the enclosed flyer from the Colorado Dept of Education.)



Summer reading **strengthens** healthy reading habits, **promotes** reading for pleasure for life, and sets children up to ...

... perform better when they return to school in the fall!

Parents who wish to help their children do well in school will create an atmosphere at home that encourages reading. They will also seek interesting and challenging books for their children to read over the summer.

Recommended book lists and Christian book selection guidelines are provided in this packet to give direction to parents.



Catch the Reading Bug!

CCS Summer Reading Contest

Summer reading is so important that we are again launching a summer reading contest for students entering grades one through six. This is the grade the child will be in in the fall. This contest will reward students who take the challenge to read.

Contest Rules

1. Use the provided form to record all reading information. Make more copies if needed.
2. Turn in the completed form to your child's teacher by the first day of school in the fall.
3. Your child's grade is the one he is **entering** this fall, not last year's.
4. Only students returning to CCS in the fall may participate.
5. Parents **MUST** make sure that the child is reading books on **his level**, not too easy or too hard, or they won't count. Children read themselves, **NOT** parent to child. Graphic novels, such as Dog Man, will **not** count.
6. Count only pages the child reads, not picture pages, index, etc.
7. Bible reading: Each chapter of any book of the Bible that is read counts for 5 pages. Parents may read to a child who is in grades 1-3. Grades 4-6 read themselves. For example, 3 chapters of Genesis equals 15 pages.
8. Books that are read must reinforce Christian values, nothing questionable. Books of a questionable nature will not be accepted. Books listed on the attached pages are recommended but not required.

Prizes

1. All students entering grades 1-2 must read at least 200 pages to qualify for prizes. Students entering 3-4 must read 300 pages and students entering grades 5-6 must read at least 400 pages. That's only 3-6 pages a day. The more pages he/she reads, the greater the chance to win a prize.
 2. The top readers in grades 1-2, in 3-4, and in grades 5-6 will receive a \$25 gift card from Gullions Book Store. The second highest readers will receive a \$15 gift card from Gullions. Third place readers will receive a \$10 gift card to Dominos.
 3. All students reading the minimum amount of pages will receive a coupon for a free Dairi-O cone, a \$2 gift card to Gullion's, and two toys from Cookout.
 4. The grand prizes for the drawing are a set of boy's Legos, a set of girl's Legos and a \$25 gift card to Little Italy. Many other gift cards to various restaurants are in the drawing. We also have several books to give away, including 3 Dog Man books. For every 100 pages a child reads his/her name will go in a hat for a chance to win one of these prizes.
- Happy reading! I hope everyone participates.

Businesses Who Donated Prizes

Little Italy Gullion's Dairi-o

Dominos Papa John's Bojangles

Cookout Zaxby's Chick-fil-A



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Prevent Summer Set-Back!



- Keep children reading all summer long -

CONTRARY TO POPULAR OPINION—INCLUDING MANY EDUCATORS'—MOST STUDENTS, EVEN THOSE "AT-RISK," MAKE DECENT PROGRESS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR! IT'S SUMMER WHEN THEY FALL BEHIND¹.

Surprised?

Scientificallly-based research shows that "On average, children from low-income families lose nearly three months of grade-level equivalency during the summer months each year, compared to an average of one month lost by middle-income children."²

Want more information about summer learning?

Visit the Center for Summer Learning at www.summerlearning.org/index.html. Based at Johns Hopkins University, the Center develops, evaluates, and disseminates model summer learning programs, stimulates research, and builds public support to ensure that no child takes a vacation from learning during the summer months.

How can you EASILY prevent Summer Set-Back?

Libraries across this state, both public and school, urge parents and educators to team up and eliminate this phenomenon. Encourage families, parents, care providers, summer camps, and others to get youngsters reading this summer. Nearly every public library in Colorado sponsors a Summer Reading Program.

Why Summer Reading?

Summer reading programs are an efficient, fun way to incorporate reading and related activities into summer family time. Note these findings from Stephen Krashen³, nationally known reading expert.

- Reading gets better when you practice it.
- Reading helps improve writing style.
- Having a school librarian makes a difference in the amount children read.
- Children read more when they listen to and discuss stories.

Help your children improve their reading!

- Check with your nearest local public library to see how staff can help you involve your students in summer reading!
- If your school works with children in the summer, adapt Colorado State Library resources to your summer activities. The statewide reading program has a manual and CD with graphics, ideas, ready-made graphics, and materials to encourage reading. O

Where can you get more information about Summer Reading?

- CSL's web site for additional tips <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/>
- NY State Library research compilation <www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm>
- *Fiore's Summer Library Reading Program Handbook*, Carole D. Fiore, Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2005.

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¹ Johnson, Peter. *Building Effective Programs for Summer Learning*. U.S. Department of Education, 2000.

² McGill-Franzen, Anne and Richard Allington. "Bridging the Summer Reading Gap" *Instructor*, May/June, 2003.

³ Stephen D. Krashen. *The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research*, Second Edition. Libraries Unlimited, Westport, Connecticut. ©2004.

Entering 1st – 2nd Grades:

Books recommended by ACSI:

Title

- Amelia Bedelia
- Blueberries for Sal
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- The Carrot Seed
- Charlotte's Web
- Corduroy
- The Courage of Sarah Noble
- Danny and the Dinosaur
- Franklin in the Dark
- Harry the Dirty Dog
- Horton Hatches the Egg
- Ira Sleeps Over
- Little Toot
- Make Way for Ducklings
- Meet Kirsten: An American Girl
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
- Millions of Cats
- Miss Nelson is Missing!
- The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale

Author

Parish, Peggy
McCloskey, Robert
Martin, Bill
Krauss, Ruth
White, E. B.
Freeman, Don
Dalglish, Alice
Hoff, Syd
Bourgeois, Paulette
Zion, Gene
Seuss, Dr.
Waber, Bernard
Gramatky, Hardie
McCloskey, Robert
Shaw, Janet Beeler
Burton, Virginia Lee
Gag, Wanda
Allard, Harry
Tresselt, Alvin R.

- Junie B. Jones (series)
- Poppleton (series)
- Time Warp Trio (series)
- Encyclopedia Brown (series)
- Ira Sleeps Over
- Box Car Children (series)
- Cat Games
- The Lightlings,
- The King Without a Shadow,
- The Child's Story Bible,
- The Gospel for Children,
- The Big Book of Questions and Answers About Jesus,
- You Are Special, Because I Love You,
and The Children of the King
- The Sleeping Rose
- Joseph and His Brothers
- The Merchant and the Thief
- The White Pony
- Jared and the Ordinary, Handy-Dandy, Excellent,
Extraordinary, Plain Brown String

Barbara Park
Cynthia Rylant
Jon Scieszka
Donald Sobol
Bernard Waber
Gertrude Warner
Harriet Ziefert
R.C. Sproul
R.C. Sproul
Catherine Vos
John B. Leuzarder
Sinclair Ferguson

Max Lucado
Angela Elwell Hunt
Brian Gleeson
Ravi K. Zacharias
Sandra Byrd

Dand Webb

Entering 2nd Grade:

Books recommended from The Book Tree:

Title

- Andy and the Lion
- Billy and Blaze, or any other title in the series,
- Bonny's Big Day, Blossom Comes Home, or Only One Woof
- Chanticleer and the Fox
- George the Drummer Boy or Sam the Minuteman
- Little House, The
- Make Way for Ducklings
- Saint George and the Dragon
- Stone Soup
- Story About Ping, The

Author

by James Daugherty
by C. W. Anderson
by James Herriot
by Barbara Cooney
by Nathaniel Benchly
by Virginia Burton
by Robert McCloskey
by Margaret Hodges
by Marcia Brown
by Marjorie Flack

Books recommended by CLA Librarian:

Title

- Cam Jansen Adventure (series)

Author

Adler, David

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- The Golly Sisters Go West (series)
 - Julian Dream Doctor (series)
 - Inspector Hopper
 - Runaway Radish
 - Scat, Cats!
 - Pinky and Rex and the School Play
 - Black Cowboy, Wild Horses: A True Story
 - Fox on Wheels
 - Popcorn at the Palace
 - Gus and Grandpa at Basketball (series)
 - Junie B. Jones (series)
 - Thank you, Mr. Falker
 - Poppleton Has Fun (series)
 - Marvin Redpost: Super-fast Out of Control!

Byars, Betsy
Cameron, Ann
Cushman, Doug
Haas, Jessie
Holub, Joan
Howe, James
Lester, Julius
Marshall, Ed
McCully, Emily
Mills, Claudia
Park, Barbara
Polacco, Patricia
Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis

Entering 3rd – 4th Grades:

Books recommended by ACSI:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Black Beauty	Sewell, Anna
• The Boxcar Children	Warner, Gertrude Chandler
• Caddie Woodlawn	Brink, Carol Ryrie
• Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Dahl, Roald
• The Courage of Sarah Noble	Dagliesh, Alice
• Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective	Sobel, Donald J.
• Heidi	Spyri, Johanna
• Henry Huggins	Cleary, Beverly
• The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe	Lewis, C. S.
• My Side of the Mountain	George, Jean Craighead
• Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia
• Snow Treasure	McSwigan, Marie
• The Tower Treasure	Dixon, Franklin W.
• The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle	Lofting, Hugh
• Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy	Rawls, Wilson

Entering 3rd Grade:

Books recommended from The Book Tree:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Alice in Wonderland	by Lewis Carroll
• Charlotte's Web	by E. B. White
• Courage of Sarah Noble, The	by Alice Dagliesh
• King of the Golden River	by John Ruskin
• Lion to Guard Us, A	by Clyde Robert Bulla
• Little House in the Big Woods	by Laura Ingalls Wilder
• Magician's Nephew, The	by C. S. Lewis
• Misty of Chincoteague	by Marguerite Henry
• On the Banks of Plum Creek	by Laura Ingalls Wilder

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Mr. Popper's Penguin	Atwater, Richard
• Fudge-a-Mania	Blume, Judy
• A Bear Called Paddington	Bond, Michael
• Secret Weapon	Christopher, Matt
• Muggie Maggie	Cleary, Beverly
• Harvey's Horrible Snake Disaster	Clifford, Eth
• The Adventures of Vin Fiz	Cussler, Clive
• Amber Brown is Not a Crayon	Danziger, Paula
• The Reluctant Dragon	Grahame, Kenneth
• The Cats in Krasinski Square	Hesse, Karen
• The School Mouse	King-Smith, Dick
• Sarah Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia
• Quackenbush, Robert	Bicycle to Treachery
• Van Allsburg, Chris	Jumanji
• Yolen, Jane	The Seeing Stick

Entering 4th Grade:

Books recommended from The Book Tree:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	by Mark Twain
• Annie Henry and the Secret Mission	by Susan Olasky
• Cricket in Times Square	by George Selden
• Huguenot Garden, Scottish Seas	by Douglas Jones
• Incredible Journey, The	by Sheila Burnford
• Narnia series, any title,	by C. S. Lewis
• Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, or Voyage of the Dawn Treader	by C. S. Lewis
• Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie	by Robert Lawson
• Rabbit Hill	by Ann McGovern
• Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest	

Books recommended by CLA Librarian:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Dear America (series)	Atwater, Richard
• Mr. Popper's Penguin	Burnford, Sheila
• The Incredible Journey	Byars, Betsy
• Summer of the Swans	Cleary, Beverly
• Dear Mr. Henshaw	Clements, Andrew
• Frindle	Dahl, Roald
• The BFG	Eager, Edward
• Half Magic	Estes, Eleanor
• The Moffats	Henry, Marguerite
• Misty of Chicoteague	Hurwitz, Johanna
• A Llama in the Family	Knight, Eric
• Lassie Come-Home	Montgomery, L.M.
• Anne of Green Gables (series)	Norton, Mary
• The Borrowers	

Entering 5th-6th Grades:

Books recommended by ACSI:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates, Elizabeth
• Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, L. M.
• Big Red	Kjelgaard, Jim
• Blue Willow	Gates, Doris
• Christmas Carol	Dickens, Charles
• The Good Master	Seredy, Kate
• Hitty, Her First Hundred Years	Field, Rachel
• Johnny Tremain	Forbes, Esther
• The Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard
• My Side of the Mountain	George, Jean Craighead
• Rascal	North, Sterling
• Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel
• The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances Hodgson
• The Summer of the Swans	Byars, Betsy Cromer
• Thimble Summer	Enright, Elizabeth
• Turn Homeward, Hannalee	Beatty, Patricia
• Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy	Rawls, Wilson
• The Yearling	Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

Books recommended by Tri-State Christian Schools:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
• The Bible	Alcott, Lousia May
• Little Women, Jo's Boys and others by ...	
• American Girl Stories	Benge, Geoff and Janet
• Christian Heroes Then and Now Series	Brink, Carol
• Caddie Woodlawn	Bunyan, John
• Pilgrim's Progress (abridged version)	Burnett, Frances Hodgson
• The Secret Garden or The Little Princess	De Angeli, Marguerite
• The Door in the Wall	Dixon, Franklin
• The Hardy Boys Series	Dodge, Mary Mapes
• Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates	Farley, Walter
• The Black Stallion	Grahame, Kenneth
• The Wind in the Willows	Hutchens, Paul
• Sugar Creek Gang Series	Jackson, Dave and Neta
• Trailblazer Series	Jenkins, Jerry & Chris Fabry
• Red Rock Mysteries	Keene, Carolyn
• Nancy Drew Mysteries	Leppard, Lois Gladys
• The Mandie Mysteries	Lewis, C.S.
• The Chronicles of Narnia	

Entering 5th Grade:

Books recommended from The Book Tree:

Title

- Ballet Shoes or any other title in this series
- Big Red
- Call It Courage
- Gone-Away Lake
- Heidi
- Lassie Come Home
- My Side of the Mountain
- Old Yeller
- Railway Children, The
- Secret Garden, The
- Thimble Summer
- Wind in the Willows, The

Author

by Noel Streatfeild
by Jim Kjelgard
by Armstrong Sperry
by Elizabeth Enright
by Johanna Spyri
by Eric Knight
by Jean George
by Fred Gipson
by E. Nesbit
by Frances Hodgson Burnett
by Elizabeth Enright
by Kenneth Grahame

Books recommended by CLA Librarian:

Title

- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
- Chasing Vermeer
- Lost Years of Merlin
- Gregor the Overlander
- Old Yeller
- Princess Academy
- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
- Number the Stars
- Hatchet

Author

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Balliett, Blue
Barron, T.A.
Collins, Susan
Gipson, Fred
Hale, Shannon
Konigsburg, E.L.
Lowry, Lois
Paulsen, Gary

Entering 6th Grade:

Books recommended from The Book Tree:

Title

- Anne of Green Gables

Author

by L. M. Montgomery

2024 CCS Summer Reading Record

For _____ Entering Grade _____

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Be careful when choosing books not on the list. Books will not count for prizes if they are deemed unacceptable by the administration. (Inappropriate content, reading level too simple for student’s grade, etc.)

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