

**Garfield School District
Summer Reading Program 2021
Students Entering Grades 3-5**



ONCE UPON A TIME...

Let your imagination be your guide!

The more you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

INSPIRE -Dr. Seuss

the best place for your nose, is in a book

READ

Get LOST in the story!

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
-Walt Disney

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

dream

BOOK WORM

“Prevent the summer slide and read!”

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Dear Parents and Students,

I want to thank you for the consistent effort you put forth this school year. To say the past year has been challenging is an understatement. I also want to thank you for doing your best to balance work and being your child's teacher, especially all of you who were and continue to be on the front lines of this pandemic. The students who have come back to the classroom have been doing well! They were excited to see their friends and eager to learn. With that said, ensuring your child maintains his/her literacy skills is imperative as we prepare to return to our normal learning environments.

Your child should read at least 20 minutes per day to maintain skills previously acquired. Provided in this packet are the assignments your child must complete for the upcoming school year. Online platforms, the local library, and bookstores can assist you in finding these books. In order to create a common reading experience, students will be required to read two mandated books and the remaining books can be whatever is of high interest to them.

Upon returning to school, students will hand in their completed activities to their teacher. The elementary schools will each recognize those students for their extra hard work and dedication to reading by bestowing upon them a reward for their participation in the program as well as giving credit towards their reading grade.

All information can be accessed on www.gboe.org by clicking on the summer reading link. Forms for assignments can be recreated by photocopying, downloading off the school website, using a word document, or handwriting it on a separate piece of paper. Once again, thank you for your continuous involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Why read to them?

- Reading encourages social-emotional skills
- Grows their attention span
- Helps develop writing skills
- Increases comprehension
- Exercises their brain
- Improves vocabulary
- Builds background knowledge
- Models reading
- Influences their love of learning
- Builds and fosters relationships

All Incoming Grade 3-5 Students



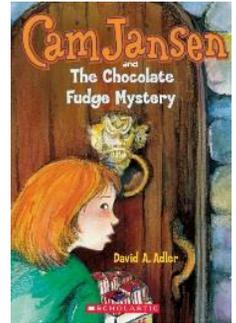
All incoming grade three through grade five students in the elementary schools will be participating in this year's Summer Reading Program. Students **must read** the books listed below. All assignments are due the first day of school.

Required Reading:

Entering 3rd grade:

Fiction: Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery* by David Adler

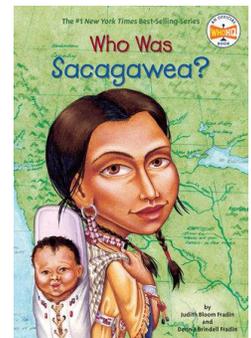
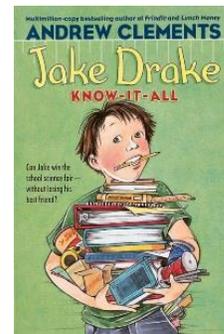
Non-fiction: Any of the Who is / Who was series*



Entering 4th grade:

Fiction: Jake Drake, Know-it-all* by Andrew Clements

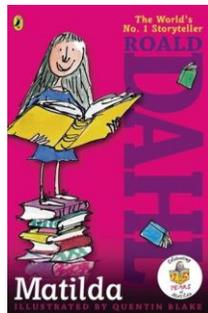
Non-fiction: Any of the Who is / Who was series*



Entering 5th grade:

Fiction: Matilda by Roald Dahl

Non-fiction: Any of the I Survived Series



All books with an asterisk can be found for free on Open e-books.

Requirements:

- Students are expected to read at least **five** “just-right” books.
- Complete the questions for the **two mandated books**.
- Complete the summer reading log provided.

****Upon completion of the summer reading assignment, students should continue to read 20 minutes per night.***

