Garfield School District
Summer Reading Program 2022
Students Entering Grades 3-5

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on

Summer Learning

"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. Your child has worked so hard and maintaining the skills he/she has acquired is important. Enclosed in this packet is the required reading assignment for the upcoming school year. This should be done throughout the summer to make reading a part of your daily routine.

      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 your child. Online platforms, the local library, and bookstores can assist you in finding the books necessary to meet the reading requirements.

      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.

<mark>*Required Reading:*</mark>

Entering 3rd grade:
Fiction: Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery*by David Adler
Non-fiction: Any of the Who is / Who Was series*
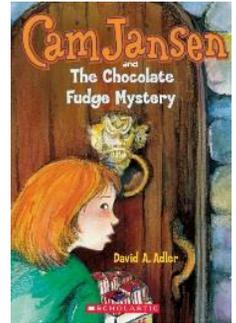
Entering 4th grade:
Fiction: Jake Drake, Know-it-all* by Andrew Clements
Non-fiction: Any of the Who Is / Who Was series*
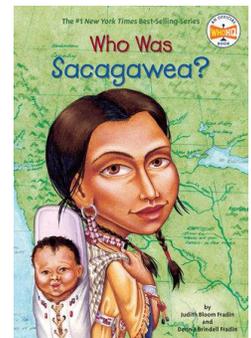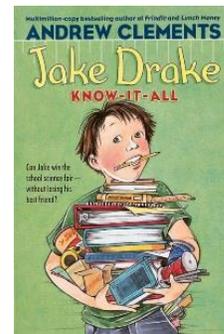
Entering 5th grade:
Fiction: Matilda by Roald Dahl
Non-fiction: Any of the I Survived Series
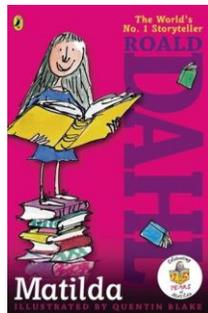
All books with an asterisk can be found for free on Open e-books.

<mark>*Requirements:*</mark>
- 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.

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

Name:_____

Fiction Book Question 1

1. **Who is the main character? What are some character traits that describe this character? Give examples from the story that support your answer. <u>Write in complete sentences.</u> Use vivid adjectives (Ex. Generous instead of nice or humorous instead of funny)**

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<u>**Fiction Book Question 2**</u>

2.   **Did your character learn a lesson in the story? What was it? (Theme) Use details from the story. Write in complete sentences.**

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<u>Nonfiction Book Question 1</u>

1. What was the main idea of your book? What are some facts that support your answer?

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<u>**Nonfiction Book Question 2**</u>

1. What did you find interesting? What else would you like to explore further about this topic? Why? Write in complete sentences.

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Name_____Grade 2022-2023_____

Reading Log Form for students entering Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade

Books I've read this summer....

Book Title	Author	Parent/Guardian Signature