

Dear Parents,

We are excited to tell you about our Summer Reading Opportunities for your child and family! We have worked to find a way to incorporate a list of all-time great children's literature that we have called "Grace Readers"/ "Cougar Paw Books" and a few newer selections. **The Grace Reader list can be found in the resource section of myGCS.** Boys and girls going into Kindergarten through the 4th grade are challenged to read from our suggested list this summer. Should your child meet the summer reading challenge, they will be given a fun "award tag" that they can add to their backpack. They will also receive a decorative pencil with which to start the new school year. The summer reading assignment for the lower elementary grades varies from the assignment for the upper elementary grades. For boys and girls in **third and fourth grade**, summer reading also counts as their **first daily reading grade** for the school year.

Are you ready? Here is the assignment for each grade level!

Going into Kindergarten:

- Children/Parents read 12 Books from the Grace Reader List

Going into 1st grade: (any of these will count)

- Children/Parents read 12 Books from the Grace Reader List
- Children read the first 20 purchased Abeka summer readers
- Children reread 12 of the readers that your teacher sent home during the kindergarten year

Going into 2nd grade:

- Children/Parents read 12 books from the Grace Reader list

Going into 3rd grade: Book of choice and a Book listed for google form test

- Children read a book of choice- 75 pages or more (Not a graphic novel---more words than pictures)
- Children choose one of the following, read, and take the google form test for it. The title below is also a link to the google form. You must refer to the email sent by Mrs. Dozier to get the link.
(Your score will count as your first daily grade in Reading.) (Price listed is the Amazon price.)

[Tree House Trouble](#) by Beverly Lewis 2.3/1 \$7.66

[More Stories Julian Tells](#) Ann Cameron 2.9/1 \$5.99

[Tippy Lemmey](#) by Patricia C. McKissack 3.0/1 \$5.99

[Smarter Than Squirrels](#) by Lucy A Nolan (2.9) \$5.99

Going into 4th grade: Book of choice and a Book listed for google form test

- Children read a book of choice -100 pages or more (Not a graphic novel- more words than pictures)
- Children choose one of the following, read, and take the google form test for it. The title below is also a link to the google form. You must refer to the email sent by Mrs. Dozier to get the link.
(Your test score will count as your first daily grade in Reading.) (Price listed is the Amazon price.)

[Case of the Sassy Parrot](#) by Milly Howard (3.7/3) \$6.99

[Jade Dragon](#) by Carolyn Marsden (3.8/3) \$9.50

[Goosed](#) by Bill Wallace (3.5/2) \$6.99

[Crenshaw](#) by Katherine Applegate (3.8/3) \$4.69

*The recording sheet you will submit upon our return in the fall is attached to this letter.

We pray that you have a fabulous summer! Happy Reading!