

Dear Parents,

You may want to flag this email in your inbox so that you can come back to it. We are excited to use the same Summer Reading opportunities that we used last year. In Spring of 2021, we 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. We found this to be a great program for our students and are choosing to continue it. **The Grace Reader List and the Summer Reading recording form can be found in the Resource section of myGCS.** As a convenience to you, the Summer Reading recording form was also sent home in your child's last report card.

Boys and girls going into Kindergarten through the 4th grade are challenged to read from The Grace Reader List this summer. If you would like to follow what is suggested for kindergarten with your junior kindergarten child, that's great, too! Should your child meet the summer reading challenge, they will be given a fun "award tag" that they can add to their backpack. A child meeting the challenge 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: (and JrK, if you'd like)

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

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

- Children/Parents read 12 Books from The Grace Reader List
- Children read the first 20 purchased Abeka summer readers from the Kindergarten Enrichment Library "Reading for Fun"
- 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: (2 books total, one from each category below)

- Children read a book of choice- 75 pages or more (Not a graphic novel---more words than pictures) **AND**
- 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.

(Your score will count as your first daily grade in Reading.)

(The price listed is the May 2022 Amazon price. You could also check local libraries.)

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

[More Stories Julian Tells](#) by 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: (2 books total, one from each category below)

- Children read a book of choice -100 pages or more (Not a graphic novel more words than pictures) **AND**
- Children choose one of the following, read, and take a google form test for it. The title below is also a link to the google form.

(Your test score will count as your first daily grade in Reading.)

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[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 Grace Reader List AND the form upon which you will record your child's summer reading can both be found in the Resources section of MyGCS. Remember, Summer Reading is due at Meet the Teacher Day or by 8:00 AM on the first day of school.

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

In Jesus,

Jennifer Dozier