

Souderton Area School District
Elementary

Recommended Summer Reading

For Students Entering Fourth and Fifth Grades in 2017-2018

Dear Students and Parents,

WOW! It's summer time and you will have lots of time to play, swim, and visit with friends and relatives. There will also be lots of time to read! Did you know that if you read over the summer months, you will be practicing all of the things that your teacher taught you this year about reading, so starting the next grade will be easier for you? If you do not read this summer, you may forget some of the things that you learned, so the beginning of the new year will be harder. It's important to continue to read even when you are not in school.

Reading can be fun! Some books take you to places you've never seen or let you imagine doing things that you might not be able to do in real life. Other books teach you things that you may want to learn. Reading books, magazines, newspapers, and letters all help you to become a better reader.

Five of the books that you read in the summer can count toward your goal of reading 25 - 30 books next year. In order to meet the standard for proficient readers, you need to read at least 25 books each year. If you want to exceed the standard, you need to read at least 30 books each year. Why not start working toward your goal by reading in the summer while you have more time? It's a great idea! Here's how to get credit for the books that you read:

1. You may want to check out the *Children's Choices Reading Lists* on cbcbooks.org/childrens-choices/. These are just some suggestions that your teachers thought you might enjoy. In addition, check the *Reading Olympics Booklist* on the back of this page. You can get a head start on reading these titles if you plan to participate in the Reading Olympics in 2017-2018. **The books you read do not have to come from these lists;** they are just suggestions. These books are easy to find in the library or bookstores.
2. Read the book or have an adult read it with you.
3. After you finish each book, complete the entry for that book on the attached book log. The log has a place for the title, author and comments. If you lose this log, write your list on a sheet of paper.
4. Bring your book log to school with you in August. Your new teacher will tell you where to keep it.