The purpose of summer reading is to encourage all students to read over the summer, to enrich learning, and provoke thought while fostering a love for reading. Variety of genres chosen by students will promote a diversity of interests within our community of learners.

*Due the first day of school*

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Dear Fifth Graders,

I am extremely excited about our year together in English and Reading class! Firstly, I pray that each of you have an incredibly fun and safe summer. You all deserve a break from the hard work you did in fourth grade. Secondly, in fifth grade you will be required to read most nights for a certain amount of time so what better way to kick off the new school year than with a summer reading activity! You will be required to complete 7 challenges. Each challenge includes reading and a written reflection paragraph to tell me about your challenge. After you complete each challenge, make sure you get a guardian’s initials! Do not forget to bring your initialed summer reading sheet and all 7 written reflections on the first day of school! Please feel free to email me at callie.cox@gcarams.org if you have any questions. You are going to do GREAT!

Happy reading!

Ms. Cox 😊
**Summer Break Reading Challenge!**

**Directions:** There are 15 challenges listed on this page. Please complete **7 different challenges** this summer. Choose a challenge and complete it. You may not repeat any challenges! You do not have to do every challenge. As you complete each challenge, keep track of your progress by having an adult initial a pair of flipflops and then you color them in. Please also write a reflection paragraph (at least 4 complete sentences) for each challenge. Reflections can include the following: when/where the challenge took place, if you read to anyone, what you read, any thoughts on what you read, overall experience with challenge, etc. Reflections can be written on the same paper and attach them to this paper! 😊

**Possible challenges to complete:**

- Get a library card for the local library.
- Sign up for the summer reading program at the local library.
- Read outside for 20 minutes.
- Read in your bed for 20 minutes.
- Read at the pool or the beach for 20 minutes.
- Read to a stuffed animal for 20 minutes.
- Read to a sibling or friend for 20 minutes.
- Read while having a snack for 20 minutes.
- Read to an adult for 20 minutes.
- Read a summer-themed picture book.
- Practice reading a poem, and then perform the reading of your poem for your family.
- Read a book that has been made into a show or movie.
- Take turns reading aloud with someone for 20 minutes.
- Research and learn something new about an author you have enjoyed.
- Read a book that you might think is challenging (chapter books, higher grade level, etc.)

**Recap:**

- ✓ Complete 7 reading challenges
- ✓ Write 7 reflection paragraphs (4 sentences each; 28 sentences total)
- ✓ All 7 flip flops are signed by an adult and colored in
- ✓ Turn this sheet and reflections in on the first day of school!

**Extra challenges:**

These challenges are **not** required. You may complete 7 more different challenges for a bonus reward (ram bucks). If you do decide to take on this extra challenge, please follow the original directions for the required 7 challenges! 😊

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