



Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we strongly encourage 5th – 7th students to continue reading during the summer. Research shows that the absence of regular reading practice can cause a significant drop in reading proficiency over the summer months. In an effort to lessen this effect, we have created a summer reading program that aims to help reduce the usual summer reading learning loss by providing incentives for students to read during the summer.

The guidelines to participate are very simple:

- ✓ Choose any book that includes at least 100 pages. Books may be checked out of the Sam and Carmena Goss Library in Mont Belvieu, Sterling Library in Baytown, or may be books that you have purchased. Electronic books and audio books count also—just as long as they are at least 100 pages long. The total number of pages read must equal 800. Any book you choose may not be shorter than 100 pages. For instance, you may choose one book with 200 pages, another book with 300 pages, and three more books with 100 pages in each. That's five books with pages that total 800.
- ✓ After reading the book, fill out the reading log by including the title, author's name, and number of pages in the book. Your child is required to write a **5 sentence summary** *in his or her own words* (no copying) for each book read. Summaries must be **handwritten** by the student on the attached log. No typed copies will be accepted. Complete sentences including proper capitalization and punctuation is expected.
- ✓ Once your child reaches a total of **800 pages**, he/she has completed the summer reading goal. Of course, your child may go over 800 pages, but once he/she reaches the goal, your child will be eligible to attend the reward field trip when school resumes in the fall.

Students who read 800 pages, write a summary for each book read, complete the reading log, and turn in the reading log before the deadline will be able to attend the field trip to **The Altitude Trampoline Park** during the first six weeks of school.*

Your child's reading log must be turned in to his/her language arts teacher by Friday, August 23, 2019. Students may also take AR tests on any books they have read over the summer when school resumes in August.

Sincerely,

Barbers Hill Middle School Language Arts Teachers

*Field trip destination subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

