Summer vacation is the perfect time to enjoy great books, and the Lower School has a reading challenge for YOU! Students entering grades 1-5 are encouraged to meet their grade level reading goal for the summer.

Successful readers will participate in the Summer Reading Celebration held in the library during the first month of school.

Recommended titles for reading can be found on the school website here: [https://www.dccs.org/backtoschool](https://www.dccs.org/backtoschool)

Here are some great book suggestions for 1st and 2nd graders:
- **Amazing Grace** - Mary Hoffman
- **Amelia Bedelia**, by Peggy Parish
- **Frog and Toad All Year**, by Arnold Lobel
- **Frog and Toad are Friends**, by Arnold Lobel
- **Last Stop on Market Street** - Written by Matt de la Peña
- **Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** by Vashti Harrison
- **Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** by Doreen Rappaport
- **Rosie Revere, Engineer**, by Leslie Stahl
- **Story About Ping**, by Marjorie Flack
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- **The Courage of Sarah Noble**, by Alice Dalgliesh
- **The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa** by Jeanette Winter

**Guidelines for the Program:**

Students entering the 1st and 2nd grade need to:

- Meet your **reading goal of 10 hours or more.**
  (For example: 10 min./day for 40 days)
- Complete this sheet, including your parent’s signature.

*Students entering first grade may count minutes when parents read to them.*

**Forms are due to your teacher on the first week of school.**
Note: each picture = 15 minutes

Instructions: Students, please color in each picture as you go. Also, to help Mrs. Lee choose great books for the school, please write your favorite titles down on the attached sheet of paper. She would love to see what books you loved during the summer. You should be prepared to tell your teacher and classmates about your favorite book from the summer when you return to school. You will be expected to write about it during the first week of school.

**Parents, please track your child’s progress by initialing the end of each row and sign the form when the reading goal has been met.

Happy Reading!