

Florence Elementary School

Amanda Clark, Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is a great time for your child to practice what he/she has learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading for enjoyment. Not only will your child discover the joy of being lost in a book, he/she will practice the many skills and strategies they have learned all year.

Teachers and other educators identify summer learning loss as a major challenge when starting off the new school year. However, students who read over the summer return to school ready to continue their learning with little or no learning loss.

Florence Elementary expects every student to read at least one book this summer and to return to school in August prepared to share their book report with the class.

Summer reading is meant to be enjoyable and we do not want students to have to struggle; we want reading to be fun and relaxing. The student's individual reading level and interests should guide the book choice. We ask the student chooses a book on or close to grade level. The important thing is that students read, read, read!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Clark".

Amanda Clark

**FLORENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPCOMING 3rd, 4th and 5th GRADERS
SUMMER READING VERIFICATION FORM**

Fill out the following information about the books you read this summer. You will need to **complete one form for each book**. You are **REQUIRED** to read one grade-level book and we strongly encourage two. The first form will be considered a formative assessment. The second will be considered extra credit. Forms will be collected two weeks after returning to school:

Student Name: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Who is your favorite character in the novel? Explain how the character changes from the beginning of the novel to the end of the novel. Use specific evidence from the text.

What was your favorite part of the book? Explain why you chose this part of the book. (If it was funny, tell why. If it was shocking, tell why, etc.)

How do you feel about this story? Would you recommend this to someone else? Why or why not?

Parent/Guardian: *Verify with your signature below that your child read this book during the summer and completed this verification form.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____