



Dear Parents,

Although summer vacation is a time for relaxation and rest, we don't want students casting aside all reading and writing practice!

Twice during the summer, students will have an assignment to write an electronic letter (via Google Classroom) telling us what they've been doing, places they've visited, or anything else about their summer they want to share. Rising 4th and 5th graders are familiar with the process of using Google Classroom, and we will show the rising 3rd graders how to access and use it. In addition, directions are given below.

The assignment for the first letter will be posted on July 21, and the assignment for the second letter will be posted on August 25. We ask that the letters are completed within a week of the assignment posting, but we're happy to extend that should your child not be able to complete a letter within this time frame due to travel or other reasons. Just email one of us to let us know.

Here is how long each letter should be:

- Incoming 3rd graders: 5 sentences with 6+ words in each sentence.
- Incoming 4th graders: 6 sentences with 8+ words in each sentence.
- Incoming 5th graders: Minimum of 150 words

A goal for each child is to read (at minimum) a book of their choice in June, one in July, and another in August. In order to discuss the books they've read, we are planning a family *Super Stories Soirée* for one evening in August. Parents, students, and siblings are invited to join us at Walden for dinner and book chat, at which time students will share their reflections on books they read during the summer. **Please click [here](#) and complete the form so we can choose the date that will have the best attendance for this gathering.**

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to reading about your child's adventures!

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Accessing Assignments in Google Classroom

- Go to [google.com](https://www.google.com) and log in with these credentials:
 - User name: student's first name last initial @thewaldenschool.org (ie, John Smith would be johns@thewaldenschool.org)
 - Password: elementary (no capitals)
- Once logged in on Google, there are two options to get to Google Classroom:

- 1. If on Google, go to the “tic tac toe” board at the top right of the screen. Click on this and choose the Classroom app.
 - 2. Use [this](#) link
- Once in Classroom, click on 2025 3/4/5 Class.
- A stream of assignments will be listed.
- Click on the assignment to complete and then click to open the document that is attached. The letter should be typed on this document.
- Once done, there is a submit button. However, this doesn't have to be clicked- we can view the document even if it isn't submitted.