



The Gow School

June 11, 2025

Dear Families,

Each summer, we ask our students to complete a summer reading assignment. Students select a book off our summer reading list and then fill out a report once they have finished their book. This year, students picked their books at school and received hard copies to take home with them.

At Gow, students are given 20 minutes at the start of each evening study hall to read a book of their choice. The students log the pages they read and respond to prompts that help facilitate comprehension. Our goal is to encourage our students to develop academic habits that will help them find success in higher education and beyond. In addition, we know that when students are given time in school each day to read a book of their choice, they do better academically and on standardized tests like the ACT.

Establishing a reading routine this summer is a great way to help your children strengthen their reading habits and maintain the progress they made this past school year. They should complete their summer reading assignment, and then they are encouraged to keep reading.

Your son or daughter's summer reading list and report forms have been included with this letter. These documents can also be found on the School's website, on the Library page. If your son or daughter is having trouble with their summer reading book, you can reach out to our librarian, Ms. Kiersten McQuestion, at kmcquestion@gow.org. She can help your child access an audiobook version of their book. The summer reading report should be turned into Ms. McQuestion by Monday, September 2nd.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lchafin@gow.org. You can also reach out to your son or daughter's Reconstructive Language teacher from this past school year.

Sincerely,

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