



LOWER SCHOOL

Greetings!

Another year in the record books! This packet contains information about our summer reading and math.

In our commitment to teaching the whole child, we recognize that a “one size fits all” approach to book choices does not exist at the primary level. We pride ourselves on meeting our students where they are, and we have students at various reading levels in every grade.

Our advice is to help your child choose books. Encourage them to try different kinds of texts and even have a book that can be read aloud as a family. Throughout the summer break, set aside time each day for reading. Try an audiobook together on your next road trip. Model the act of reading in your daily life, and make it a fun, frequent part of your routine.

Plan to complete your summer reading adventure over summer break and return your passport to school at Lower School Orientation or during the first week of school.

Make sure to work hard and play hard this summer!

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Looking for inspiration for new book topics? These are our upcoming grade-level projects for fall:

- **Kindergarten:** Color
- **First Grade:** Careers
- **Second Grade:** Insects
- **Third Grade:** Immigration
- **Fourth Grade:** Greece

Summer offers a rare opportunity to preserve and deepen children's reading lives. Time and encouragement to read for pleasure and foster curiosity creates lifelong readers. Lifelong readers are lifelong learners!

Here are a few tips to ensure a fun and fruitful summer of exploration:

1. **Free Choice** Students read more and more thoughtfully when they have agency. Encourage a wide-ranging selection, including nonfiction, field guides, graphic novels, and magazines.
2. **Hearing A Good Book: Audiobooks & Read Alouds** Even when children become independent readers, being read to remains profoundly beneficial. Shared reading and audiobooks introduce more complex vocabulary and sophisticated narratives that may be beyond a child's independent reading level.
3. **A World of Curiosity** Reading is often most meaningful when it intersects with real life. Travel, cooking, outdoor exploration, and everyday questions all present great opportunities to consult books. This reinforces reading as a tool for understanding the world, not just a school success skill.
4. **Strike a Pose: Modeling** Seeing adults read and hearing them speak about what they're reading positions reading as an intellectually and personally rewarding activity.
5. **Again, Again!** Returning to familiar texts strengthens fluency, deepens comprehension, and builds confidence.

Reading Road Trip

To further enhance your child's summer reading experience, complete the attached "Reading Road Trip".

Return the completed challenge at Lower School Orientation or the first week of school so we may share in your child's accomplishments!

Visit the Library

Visit one of the Lexington Public Library's six locations to apply for a card, check out books, e-books, or e-audiobooks, attend events, and play in the play spaces! Any person who lives, works, or attends school in Fayette County is eligible for a card.

Join a Reading Club

Bookstores, including Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Barnes & Noble, & Half-Price Books, hold summer reading challenges with prizes. Looking for more? Pizza Hut offers a nostalgic "Camp Book-it," and The White House hosts a program as well.

- Read every day! Reading for 15 to 20 minutes is a wonderful way to develop a reading habit.
- Math work: Complete the kindergarten teachers' packet. Additional options are listed below.

Reading Passport:

Check out the reading passport and explore fiction, picture books, non-fiction, audiobooks, or short stories! Make sure to record them on your sheet; if you're looking for recommendations, the teachers have provided suggestions.

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Math:

Mrs. Asbury and Ms. Harris have a math packet for you! Work through this over the summer. If you're looking for additional resources for math, consider the list below:

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Primary mathematics is all about building a strong foundation of number sense. It is suggested that students spend 30-45 minutes per week engaging in math work. We are providing a skill book, but many options exist beyond this. Alternatives include:

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