

June 2019

E-2 Summer Assignments

Dear Parents and Students,

Reading Assignment:

As you know it is important to practice any skill that you would like to improve. Reading is no exception. The elementary years are the most important time for students to develop reading skills through reading practice. This helps develop reading speed, increase vocabulary, and enhance reading comprehension. These skills have an effect on all other areas of study. We recommend an hour of sustained reading daily. It is highly recommended to set aside family time to read together.

Your summer assignment is:

***Fourth graders** are to read *The One and Only Ivan* by Beverly Cleary. Attached find the Literature Circle Preparation Sheet. This will prepare fourth graders for the **in class** discussion in a Literature Circle.

***Fifth graders** are to read *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Attached find the Literature Circle Preparation Sheet. This will prepare fifth graders for the **in class** discussion in a Literature Circle.

You may purchase these books at a bookstore or check them out from the local library. Students should be prepared to hand in the Literature Circle Preparation Sheet on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 16th.

Students are encouraged to read each day at home during the summer and the school year. Please refer to the summer packet letter for more information about our reading program.

Math Assignment:

This summer we would like both 4th and 5th year students to practice their math facts. Attached are 100 multiplication facts. If your child can get 80% of the 100 facts correct in 5 minutes then we say that he or she has achieved mastery and there is no need to practice. If not then regular practice of multiplication facts is recommended. We will also give frequent quizzes on math facts during the school year. Short (5 minutes a day) practice every day is the best way to achieve mastery.

We will assess everyone on their multiplication math facts in the first week of school. Thank you for supporting your child in this way.

Kind regards,

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