



Summer Reading Required Assignment



Dear Families:
Reading over the summer is crucial to your child's success in school. Studies show that kids who don't read lose ground in the fall. That's why we're sharing some ideas of what you can do this summer, and have assigned this summer reading assignment. **Have fun with it!**

OTHER IDEAS:

1. Take a trip to a museum or historical site. Ask your child to read the placards or signs—then follow up with questions like "so where do gorillas live?" to make sure they comprehended it.
2. Have a Family Read-Off! Kids learn by watching, so pick up a book yourself! Keep a chart of how many pages each person has read...with some reward at the end of summer for everyone who met their goal. (Ice cream perhaps?)
3. Go to your local library or bookstore and join in their summer reading programs. They usually have some fun prizes and incentives too!
4. Visit www.scholastic.com/summerreading. You'll find lots of cool games and even free shipping on books ordered from The Scholastic Store.

This summer your child **MUST** read 2 different books and **complete one of the attached "Picture This Book" forms for each one** and return it to their new teacher in the fall. The purpose of this assignment is to have children read books that pertain to their lives and interests. Parents, please help your child to choose a book that will be a challenge to their reading (not too easy!) and that has to do with something they are **going to do** this summer. Perhaps you can plan a special activity.

- After they read the book, **take a picture of your child DOING SOMETHING** that pertains to this book. Attach it to the "Picture This Book" form.
- Have your child complete the rest of the page as well.
- Have FUN! Try something new, or find a book that goes along with a favorite activity or vacation spot.

Examples:

- Read the book Look Out, Washington, D.C. and then go on a trip to our nation's capitol. Take your picture in front of the White House.
- Read Eleanor by Barbara Cooney and then visit Val-Kill Cottage in Hyde Park
- Read Owl's Journey and visit any of the local landmarks mentioned in the story— Highly recommend for those entering 4th!
- Read Bugs! - and then take a picture of yourself with some of the bugs you have caught this summer.

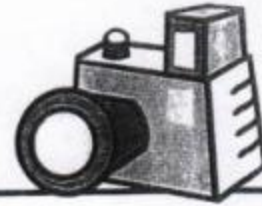
BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!



Be sure to start early in the summer so that you can complete this **REQUIRED** summer



Picture This Book



Name of Book:

Author's Name:

Main Characters:

What was the book about?



What did you **DO** that had to do with this book?

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Put your picture here. If you have more than one, you may attach them to another sheet of paper. If you do not have a camera available, your child can draw a detailed picture of their experience and attach it here.

