



Summer Reading 2017!!

May 15, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

Our goal for this summer is to make reading a priority for every student at River Oaks. Reading to your child and having him/her read silently (age appropriate) is the most important thing you can do to help your child be a better reader, increase vocabulary and listening skills, and increase his/her whole realm of knowledge. We are encouraging children to read at least 20 minutes a day. This can also include time spent reading together. For grades PK-3rd any age appropriate book can be read.

The Ouachita Parish Public Library website www.ouachita.lib.la.us is a great source for books. Click on the Kids Konnection for some super ideas. You will also find a link on this page to help you find AR books. Look in the TumbleBooks section to find books you can read on line!!

The following websites are excellent resources to help you choose books.

www.readingrockets.org/article/58 This site includes "75 Authors/Illustrators Everyone Should Know", an excellent list of books broken down by age ranges.

www.ala.org. (type in: *Notable Children's Books* in the search box)

www.scholastic.com/summer has great book lists and activities.

www.reading.org has a number of super book lists chosen by students and teachers.

Use the AR BookFinder (www.arbookfind.com) to help select books that students would like to take AR tests on when school resumes in August. Keep a record of these books to help your child remember these AR books.

Students entering the 4th Grade will read Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume and students entering the 5th grade will read Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo in addition to books of their choice. Books a Million should have these in around June 1.

****Book activities for students in 3rd-5th grades are also attached. Be ready to present at least one of the activities during the first week of school in August!!**

Have a great summer reading!!

Mrs. Tillman

****Book activities are on the back.****



Book Activities for 3rd - 5th Grade

Choose one activity and complete for one of the books read during the summer.

1. Make a Collage

Use any of the following materials: glitter, sequins, stamps, stickers, dried flowers, cut-outs from magazines or newspapers, ribbons, stick on letters and numbers, etc. The collage should illustrate the characters, places, and events that make it a good book to read. The collage should be on a 9"x12" piece of construction paper. On the back, put your name and the title of the book, as well as a summary of the book that includes the setting, conflict, and resolution.

2. Character Analysis

Choose one character from the book. Write 5 adjectives that describe this character and tell one event from the story for each adjective that illustrates this trait.

3. Book Tokens

Gather together 5 items that in some way symbolize the characters, events, setting, and theme of the book. Put all of these items into a box. Then write a paragraph for each item that tells its importance to the book.

4. Make a movie poster advertising the story you read. It may not be the same as the book cover. Include some of the main characters and items that were important in the book. Be able to explain.

5. Prepare a 3 minute commercial on your book. Creativity is the key here, but make sure you include important ideas and events from the book.