



Stamford Public Schools
EXCELLENCE IS THE POINT



The Ferguson Library



June, 2016

Dear Families,

Your children have worked hard all year long and they are leaving this school year as better readers and writers. Good readers and writers read and write every day. Brain research shows that practice is necessary in order to master strategies that are critical for successful reading and writing experiences. Summer is a time to relax and have fun, and it's also a time to read books for pleasure and continue to develop a love for reading. When young people aren't engaged in educational activities during the summer, they experience learning loss. Reading just 5 books over the summer can prevent summer learning loss.

Students are encouraged to read or listen to as many books as possible. The summer reading lists are organized according to grade level and for grades 3-6 many titles have an accompanying Lexile level. Please support your child in choosing books that interest him/her that may or may not be included on the joint Stamford Public Schools/Ferguson Library summer reading list.

Students will also have the opportunity to continue using Raz-Kids as they have throughout the school year. Students can log on at home, at community centers and at The Ferguson Library. Students will come home with a letter from Raz-Kids that will have further details.

Your continued support in promoting literacy skills is critical during the elementary years. It is recommended that students continue to read, write and reflect on their reading. We hope that you and your child(ren) have a wonderful time enjoying great books this summer!

Happy Reading!

*ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET... **READ!***

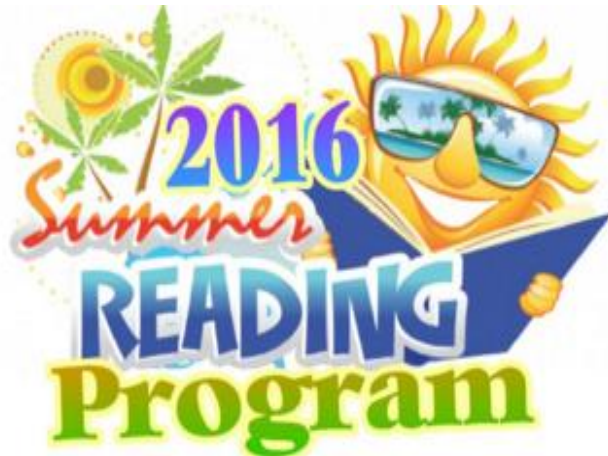




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June 18, 2016 – August 31, 2016

- Visit the Ferguson Library; join the Summer Reading Program and Earn Prizes!
- Return your reading activity to school by September 12, 2016.
- Read, Read, Read!

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- ❖ Visit the Ferguson Library and sign-up for the summer reading program. You can also sign-up through the following link: www.fergusonlibrary.org
- ❖ Choose one book to complete one of the activities for your new grade level.
- ❖ Turn-in your completed activity to your new teacher when you return to school by September 12, 2016.

GRADES 1-5 ACTIVITIES

STUDENTS ENTERING FIRST GRADE (Choose 1)

1. Draw a picture of your favorite part and write a sentence describing your picture.
2. Write sentences about the characters, setting, problem and solution from one of your books. Draw a picture of your favorite character.

STUDENTS ENTERING SECOND GRADE (Choose 1)

1. Create a bookmark describing one of the books you read.
2. Write a letter to the author telling what you liked about his/her book.

STUDENTS ENTERING THIRD GRADE (Choose 1)

1. Write a book review in which you explain with reasons why you would or would not recommend this book to a friend.
2. Draw a comic strip for your favorite scene from the book you read.

STUDENTS ENTERING FOURTH GRADE (Choose 1)

1. Write 5 questions you would ask the author about his/her book.
2. List the title, author and illustrator of the book. Write a summary and include what you liked and disliked about the book.

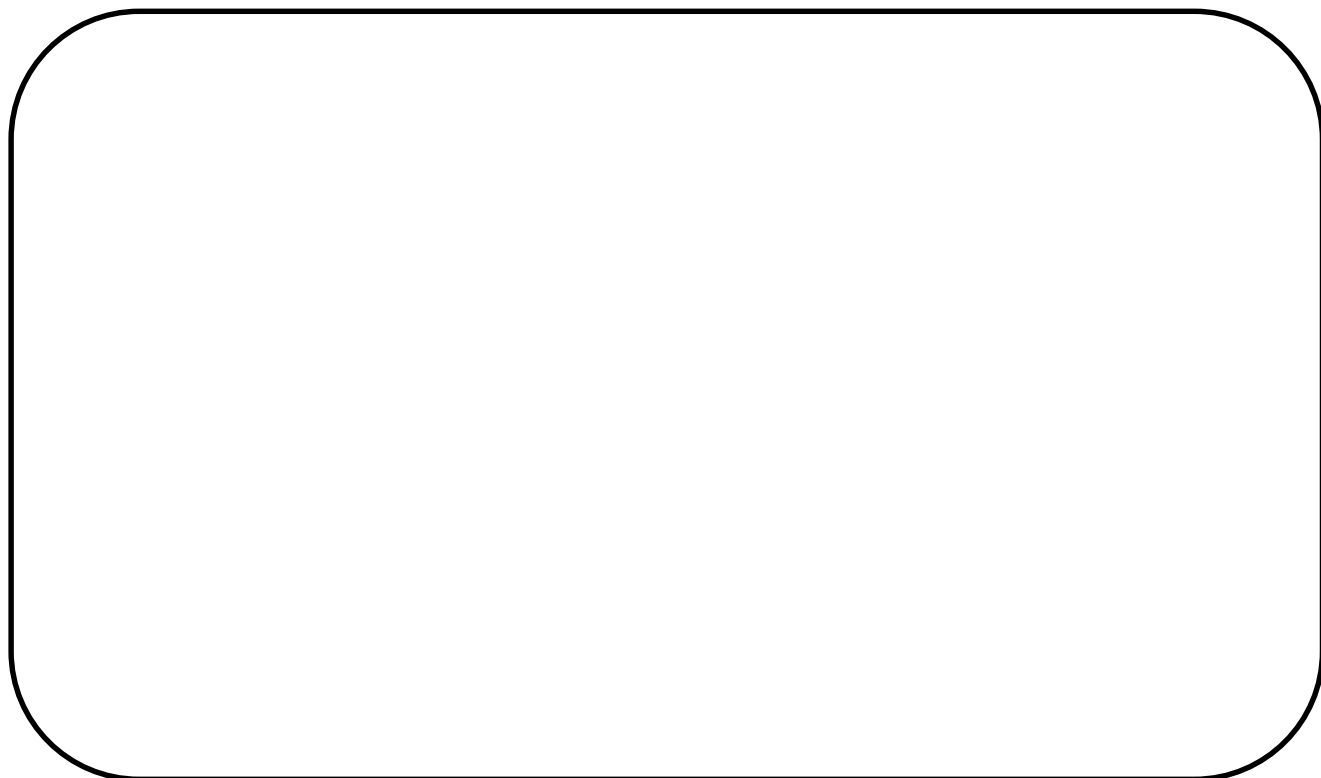
STUDENTS ENTERING FIFTH GRADE (Choose 1)

1. Design an advertisement poster for your book. Include digital images (clip art, photos, and graphics) that will interest your readers in purchasing the book. Be sure to include two paragraphs that tell about the characters and another that gives plot details to interest readers without giving away the ending.
2. Write a letter (10 sentence minimum) to the main character in your book. You can ask questions, voice a complaint, protest a situation, and give suggestions or advice to the character.

Your Name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____



Your Name

Book Title

Author
