



Farmingdale Public School

To the Families of Incoming 5th Graders:

Our students have worked very hard and are leaving school this year as better readers, writers, mathematicians and researchers. Summer is a great time to read to your children and it is also a wonderful time for students to read for pleasure. Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. All children may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. For this summer’s reading assignments, we have asked students to choose **2** books at their independent reading level from our classroom libraries.

Assignment:

Students will complete 16 appropriate reading entries (8 from each book). Our students are very familiar with our expectations of reading response entries, and some student examples are attached. The Reading Response Choices that students will choose from to create their entries are attached, as is the rubric by which they will be scored. Students must choose a variety of responses from the 20 choices given.

Also, in September students will be expected to complete a written response to a prompt based on one of the books they read this summer.

Entries can be:

- In a reading composition notebook
- Typed and stapled together
- Neatly hand-written and placed in a binder

Be creative!

The summer reading assignment, books and math packets are expected be turned in on the first day of school.

Curious about the reading levels of other books your child may want to read?

Go to www.scholastic.com/bookwizard.

Type in the book title, and choose Guided Reading before clicking search.

Have a happy and healthy summer, and keep reading. Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate academic growth.

Educationally yours,

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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