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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Covid-19 pandemic brought upon us a different type of school year. Books, however, have remained a constant that provide readers with a creative and imaginative world that entertains, informs, and educates. With your support, the summer reading program can help students maintain their current reading abilities during the break. Our educators have developed an updated book list based on student reading abilities, choice, and interest.

- If your child is entering **first, second, or third grade**, we encourage them to read for enjoyment only. There is no formal assignment required. The book lists for these grade levels are presented in two sections. The first section offers suggested titles for your child to read independently. The second section offers suggested titles for you to read with your child. It is suggested that designated reading time take place daily.
- If your child is entering **fourth or fifth grade**, they should choose one title from the suggested list and complete the assignment found as a link in the PDF file named *Summer Reading Assignments - Grades 4 - 8*. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to read as much as possible over the summer months, however, they only need to complete a reflection sheet for one book. This reflection sheet should be returned to your child's teacher in September. Our fifth grade list contains Lexile reading levels to guide in selecting books. More information regarding Lexiles can be found at <https://lexile.com>.

Titles are available through The Monmouth County Library and Barnes & Noble in Freehold should you opt to purchase books. We would like to thank the library for making our reading list available through ebooks and other avenues. More information is available on their website. Summer reading lists and accompanying materials can be found on the Curriculum Department page of the district website. Click on the "Summer Assignment Packets" link on the left side to access the documents. Thank you for supporting our summer reading program and have a healthy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

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