

Dear Class of 2010,

Let's be clear, I want you to have a fantastic fun filled summer! It's just that I need to be sure that your skills don't slip during the weeks that you're away. So, I am asking that you do a few activities each week to just make sure you get in a "little" practice.

First is reading. In this booklet there is space for you to keep a record of your reading during the summer. It is my expectation that you will write legibly in this journal at least twice a week. Summer reading should be enjoyable and because of that, the sky is pretty much the limit. Let me know about the books (at least two or a mega book), magazine articles, instruction manuals, travel guides, and comic books that you enjoy. Everything you read counts!

I have a list of recommended authors as well as hands off books. If possible, I encourage you to read the newspaper at least once a week. This is part of what is required in our classroom next year and it's a good idea to get into the habit. When you write in the journal please state the title, the date and briefly reflect on your reading. The reflection can be written as a stated opinion, a question for the writer, analysis of the text or you may survey others opinions on the text and compare them to your own ideas. These may be brief (4-7 sentences long).

Also enclosed are a couple of math problems per week. . **DO NOT DO THESE ALL AT ONCE!!!!** The idea is to practice a little each week.

I would love to hear about any scientific observations you make during the summer. Anything you observe, particularly in nature, the evening sky or maybe you notice how something works. Let me know what you see. Put your observation or scientific drawing in the notebook.

Have a Great Summer!

Recommended Authors

JK Rowling

Christopher Paolini

Eoin Coffey

Avi

Betsy Byers

Gordan Korman

Kathryn Paterson

Gary Paulsen

Jerry Spinelli

Sharon Creech

Zilpha K. Snyder

Ellen Raskin

Jean Craighead George

Scott O'Dell

Hands Off Books

The Westing Game

Inkheart

Inkspell

Half Moon

Hoot

Flush

My Brother Sam is Dead

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

10 Shakespeare Stories

The Shakespeare Stealer

Star Girl

The Revealers

