Lower School (Entering grades 1-5)

Summer Reading List

Revised March, 2017
Dear Lower School Parents,

It is our sincere desire that the PACS summer reading program will develop in your child a love for reading while maintaining the current levels of skills that your child has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that the summer assignment will be a “stress-free” time for you to discover and dialogue together about books. We hope that you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child’s summer. Happy reading!

Why Read?
Research proves students who read during the summer break period will increase fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. According to one three-year study “children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency. This creates a three to four month gap every year. Every two or three years the kids who don’t read in the summer fall a year behind the kids who do” (“Summer” 1).

How to Read:
According to a series of studies conducted by J. Kim, professor of education at Harvard, the most significant gains in reading levels occur when adults were involved to guide reading skills and understanding. He states that “younger children have to expend more effort simply to understand the words” (“How” 1-2). When a child reads with an adult who helps decode the words accurately and quickly enough, the child can then focus on the overall meaning of the text; this is how fluency is mastered. Other strategies to foster the improvement of reading skills include the following:

- Asking questions about the story:
  “What is this story about?”
  “Where is this story happening?”
  “What do you think will happen next?”
- Asking your student to summarize the story
- Rereading hard-to-understand passages

Choosing Your Book:
Another key to student success is ensuring the student’s reading level, comprehension ability, and the difficulty level of the text are aligned. One quick way to assess whether a book is at the appropriate level is to use the “five finger rule.” The student should choose a book that he or she wants to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As the child comes to words he can’t pronounce or doesn’t understand, put up a finger. If the reader puts up five fingers, put the book back. It’s too hard.

References:

Overview: Prince Avenue Lower School Summer Reading Program

Philosophy:
The PACS reading program is designed to promote the love of reading while maintaining or advancing the student’s current reading level and cognitive skills. Assignments are meant to be academic in nature, developmentally appropriate, student-manageable, and “tear free.”

Book lists:
Book lists are provided as a compilation of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Many of the selections complement the PACS history curriculum. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, teachers recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsensemedia.org, or www.thrivingfamily.com helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

Assignments:
Assignments are based on the revised version of Bloom’s taxonomy called A Taxonomy for Learning, Teaching, and Assessing, a classification system used to define and distinguish different levels of human cognition; this revised version classifies cognitive skills as Remembering, Understanding, Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating, and Creating, in that order. One way PACS addresses the development of increased cognitive skills is through written expression. Beginning in third grade, students are assigned a writing component through which they demonstrate understanding and analysis of the text.

Grade- Specific Objectives:
Grades 1 & 2 (remembering and understanding)
In 1st and 2nd grades, students are required to read at least twenty books over the summer break. The goal for these students is to read frequently, thus increasing familiarity with words and increasing comprehension skills. The goal of the summer reading program for first and second graders is to maintain or increase the student’s end-of-year reading level. Students and parents will complete a chart in which they record at least twenty books from the school list.

Grade 3 (applying)
By 3rd grade, students have mastered basic reading skills and can read independently. These students have also become more proficient in writing skills, and that proficiency is demonstrated in the summer reading assessment. Third grade students will read two books and produce a one-paragraph response to a book of their choice. Since students have become familiar with the Accelerated Reader program, students are required to take an AR quiz on the second book.

Grades 4-5 (applying and analyzing)
In 4th and 5th grades, students again choose two books to read. An AR quiz will be required of one book, and a writing response is required for the other book. As students mature as readers and writers, the paragraph requirement increases in complexity as students are asked to summarize and evaluate a book’s content. The fifth grade summary and evaluation includes the incorporation of examples to provide evidence of the student’s analysis.
ENTERING 1ST GRADE BOOK LIST

Song and Dance Man
Miss Nelson is Missing series
Billy and Blaze series
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Madeline books
The Mitten (and others)
Clifford series
❖ Flat Stanley series
Arthur series
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Biscuit series
The Very Hungry Caterpillar (and others)
Miss Rumphius
Llama Llama series
Christopher Churchmouse series
The Christian Mother Goose
Petunia
Are You My Mother (and others)
The Story About Ping
Dandelion
Corduroy series
Little Toot
The Big Snow
❖ Chrysanthemum (and others)
❖ Frances series
Danny and the Dinosaur (and others)
Harold and the Purple Crayon (series)
The Snowy Day
Leo the Late Bloomer
The Story of Ferdinand
Frederick
Pete the Cat series
❖ Frog and Toad Are Friends (and others)
❖ You Are Special (and others)
Make Way for Ducklings
❖ Little Bear series
The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (and others)
❖ Amelia Bedelia (various stories)
Katy No-Pocket
The Rainbow Fish series
Curious George series
Detective Dan series
❖ Henry and Mudge stories
Beginner Books/ Bright and Early Books
❖ Nate the Great series
Piggy/Gerald/Pigeon books
Morris the Moose books
The Napping House
Harry, the Dirty Dog (or others)

❖ Denotes simple chapter books
1st GRADE SUMMER READING RECORD

- Simple chapter books count as THREE books (note with X on chart)
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ENTERING 2ND GRADE BOOK LIST

- Cam Jansen series
- Madeline books
- Berenstein Bears
- Flat Stanley series
- Rachel Yoder series
- A Lion to Guard Us (and others)
- The Adventures of Old Mother West Wind series
- The Best Loved Doll (and others)
- Henry Huggins/Ramona/Mouse and Motorcycle series
- Magic School Bus series
- Betsy and Billy
- Chrysanthemum and others
- Imagination Station series
- Frances books
- Danny and the Dinosaur (and others)
- Tale of Three Trees
- Nancy Drew Clues Crew
- The Story of Ferdinand
- Cul-de-sac Kids series
- Swimmy
- Frog and Toad series
- Betsy-Tacy series
- Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series
- Blueberries for Sal
- Little Bear books
- any book
- Animal Friends series
- Magic Treehouse series
- Amelia Bedelia series
- The Littles series
- Curious George
- Grandma's Attic series
- Detective Dan series
- A to Z Mysteries series Calendar Mysteries & others
- Henry and Mudge series
- Longer Books
- Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile
- Boxcar Children series
- Sara Morton's Day (and others)
- Little House on the Prairie series
- Harry the Dirty Dog series
- American Girl books
- I Can Read Books –level 3

- Denotes more challenging books
2nd GRADE SUMMER READING RECORD

- Challenging books count as THREE books (note with X on chart)

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*Promised Land Diaries* (various titles)  
*Animal Ark* series  
*The Penderwicks*  
*Paddington* series  
*The Chocolate Touch*  
Biographies  
*Matt Christopher Sports* Series  
*Henry Huggins/ Ramona/ Mouse & Motorcycle* series  
*Magic School Bus* (series-chapter books)  
*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain*  
*The Secret Files* series  
❖ *Hardy Boys* series  
❖ *Hank the Cowdog* series  
❖ *The Moffats* series  
❖ *The Cabin Faced West*  
❖ *Stone Fox*  
❖ *Thunder at Gettysburg*  
❖ *The Ox Cart Man*  
❖ *Betsy and Billy* series  
❖ *Misty of Chincoteague* (and others)  
❖ Dog stories, cat stories, other titles  
❖ *The Bobbsey Twins* series  
❖ *Sugar Creek Gang* series  
❖ *Nancy Drew Clues Crew*  
❖ *Nancy Drew* series  
❖ *Babe: The Gallant Pig* (and others)  
❖ *Mandie* series  
❖ *Cul-de-sac Kids* series  
❖ *Pippi Longstocking* series  
❖ *Betsy-Tacy* series  
❖ *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series  
❖ *Caleb’s Story*  
❖ *Skylark*  
❖ *Owls in the Family*  
❖ *Bloodhounds Inc.*  
❖ Any book  
❖ *Shiloh* series  
❖ *The Borrowers*  
❖ *Children’s Books* series  
❖ *The Littles*  
❖ *Little House on the Prairie* series (adapted)  
❖ *The Magic Treehouse* series  
❖ *Grandma’s Attic* series  
❖ *A to Z Mysteries, Calendar Mysteries*  
❖ *Time Warp Trio* series  
❖ *Encyclopedia Brown* series  
❖ Any historical biography title  
❖ *Geronimo Stilton* series  
❖ *Boxcar Children* series  
❖ *Charlotte’s Web/ Wilbur’s Adventures*  
❖ *The Castle in the Attic*  
❖ *American Girl* series  
❖ *A New Coat for Anna*  
❖ Denotes more challenging books

Adams, Anne T & Edwards  
Baglio, Ben M.  
Birdsall, Jeanne  
Bond, Michael  
Catling, Patrick Skene  
Children’s Press  
Christopher, Matt  
Cleary, Beverly  
Cole, Joanna  
Daiglesh, Alice  
Dixon, Frank  
Dixon, Franklin W.  
Erickson, John R.  
Estes, Eleanor  
Fritz, Jean  
Gardiner, John Reynolds  
Gauch, Patricia  
Hall, Donald  
Haywood, Carolyn  
Henry, Margaret  
Herriot, James  
Hope, Laura Lee  
Hutchens, Paul  
Keene, Carolyn  
Keene, Carolyn  
King-Smith, Dick  
Leppard, Lois Gladys  
Lewis, Beverly  
Lindgren, Astrid  
Lovelace, Maud Hart  
MacDonald, Betty  
MacLachlan, Patricia  
MacLachlan, Patricia  
Mowat, Farley  
Myers, Bill  
Murphy, Elspeth Campbell  
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
Norton, Mary  
Oke, Janette  
Peterson, John  
Peterson, Melissa  
Pope, Mary Pope Osborne  
Richardson, Arleta  
Roy, Ron  
Scieszka, Jon  
Sobol, Donald  
Stanley, Diane  
Stilton, Geronimo  
Warner, Gertrude Chandler  
White, E.B.  
Winthrop, Elizabeth  
Various authors  
Ziefert, Harriett
Rising third grade students will read two (2) books from the summer list over the summer break. Students will take an AR quiz on the book of their choice and write a paragraph about the other book (directions below). The AR component will count toward the first quarter point requirements; the writing component will count as a separate grade. Please record information about those books below.

Name ________________________________

Keep a record of the books you read; please return this form and the paragraph to your 3rd grade language arts teacher when you arrive to school on the first full day of school, Monday, August 7, 2017.

#1 Book from the Third Grade List of Books:
Title:_________________________________________________________
Author: _______________________________________________________
Pages: _______ AR Book level___________ (you can find this at www.arbookfind.com)

#2 Book from the Third Grade List of Books:
Title:_________________________________________________________
Author: _______________________________________________________
Pages: _______ AR Book level___________ (you can find this at www.arbookfind.com)

Writing Assignment:
Using the book you will not use for an AR quiz, write a paragraph, no less than five sentences, summarizing your thoughts about the second book. Your paragraph will be assessed on the following qualities:
- content
- style: sentence structure and word choice
- capitalization/punctuation/spelling
- penmanship (must be handwritten) and length

Parent Signature____________________________________________________
# 3rd Grade Summer Paragraph Rubric

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<td><strong>Topic</strong></td>
<td><strong>Your comments and thoughts make sense. The writing is about the topic. The sentences are in logical order.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Style:</strong> Some sentences are long and some are short. You have used several strong words.</td>
<td><strong>Some sentences are long and some are short. You have used good words that make sense.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Capitalization:</strong> There are no mistakes. Capitals and end marks are perfect. Spelling is perfect.</td>
<td><strong>There are only a few mistakes. Most of the capitals and end marks are correct. Most words are spelled correctly.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Penmanship:</strong> Your print is neat and easy to read. The paragraph meets or exceeds five sentences in length.</td>
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**Teacher comments:**

**Total points:** ________
Parents: Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose to read two novels from the list below. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsensemedia.org, or www.thrivingfamily.com helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

Please note: Some of these titles are available as Great Illustrated Classics. Please ensure your child takes the AR quiz for the Great Illustrated Classic version of the book, a condensed version of the original classic, if appropriate.

Sounder
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
The Indian in the Cupboard
Turn Homeward, Hannalee
The Shakespeare Stealer
Caddie Woodlawn
A Little Princess
The Incredible Journey
The Summer of the Swans
The Family Under the Bridge
Dear Mr. Henshaw
Leif the Lucky
The House of Sixty Fathers
Because of Winn Dixie
The Tale of Despereaux
Hardy Boys series
The Twenty One Balloons
Thimble Summer
Inkheart
The Thief Lord
The Snow Goose
Blue Willow
My Side of the Mountain
Old Yeller
The Reluctant Dragon
The Wind in the Willows
The Winter of Red Snow: Abigail Stewart
Soul Surfer
Two Mighty Rivers: Sons of Pocahontas
King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian
The Fourteenth Goldfish
Book of the King series
Red Rock Mystery series
Raiders From the Sea
Nancy Drew series
Big Red
Lassie Come Home

Armstrong, William
Avi
Banks, Lynne Reid
Beatty, Patricia
Blackwood, Gary
Brink, Carol
Burnett, Frances H
Burnford, Sheila
Byars, Betsy
Carlson, Natalie
Cleary, Beverly
D'Aulaire, Ingrid
DeJong, Meindert
DiCamillo, Kate
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Dixon, Franklin
du Bois, William Pene
Enright, Elizabeth
Funke, Cornelia
Funke, Cornelia
Gallico, Paul
Gates, Doris
George, Jean C.
Gipson, Fred
Grahame, Kenneth
Grahame, Kenneth
Gregory, Kristina
Hamilton, Bethany
Hanes, Mari
Henry, Marguerite
Holm, Jennifer L.
Jenkins, Jerry
Jenkins, Jerry
Johnson, Lois
Keene, Carolyn
Kjelgaard, Jim
Knight, Eric
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler  
Konigsburg, E. L.

Left Behind series  
LaHaye & Jenkins

Ben and Me: ...Ben Franklin and His Good Mouse Amos  
Lawson, Robert

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch  
Lathan, Jean

A Wrinkle in Time  
L'Engle, Madeline

Prairie School  
Lenski, Lois

Strawberry Girl  
Lenski, Lois

Ella Enchanted  
Levine, Gail Carson

Fairest  
Levine, Gail Carson

Chronicles of Narnia series  
Lewis, C. S.

Gifted Hands, Kid’s Edition: Ben Carson  
Lewis, Greg & Deborah

Snow Treasure  
McSwigan, Marie

Gentle Ben  
Morey, Walt

Shiloh  
Naylor, Phyllis

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH  
O’Brien, Robert

Tom’s Midnight Garden  
Pearce, Phillipa

The Copper Kids Adventure  
Peretti, Frank

Pollyanna  
Porter, Eleanor

Rats, Bulls & Flying Machines:...the Renaissance  
Prum, Deborah

Summer of the Monkeys  
Rawls, Wilson

Trouble at Silver Pines Inn  
Repp, Gloria

Henry Reed, Inc.  
Robertson, Keith

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever  
Robinson, Barbara

The Little Prince  
Saint-Exupery, Antoine de

The Cricket in Times Square  
Selden, George

The Good Master  
Seredy, Kate

The White Stag  
Seredy, Kate

Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei  
Sis, Peter

The Sign of the Beaver  
Speare, Elizabeth

Heidi  
Spyri, Johanna

The Mysterious Benedict Society  
Stewart, Trenton Lee

All-of-a-Kind-Family  
Taylor, Sydney

Many Moons  
Thurber, James

Banner in the Sky  
Ullman, James

Thunderstorm in Church  
Vernon, Louise

The Trumpet of the Swan  
White, E. B.

Stuart Little  
White, E. B.

Little House on the Prairie series (not adapted)  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Leepike Ridge  
Wilson, N.D.
4TH GRADE SUMMER READING RECORD AND ASSIGNMENT

Rising fourth grade students will read two (2) books from the summer list over the summer break. Students will take an AR quiz on the book of their choice and write a two-paragraph response about the other book (directions below). The AR component will count toward the first quarter point requirements; the writing component will count as a separate grade. Please record information about those books below.

Name ________________________________

Keep a record of the books you read; please return this form and the paragraph to your 4TH grade language arts teacher when you arrive to school on the first full day of school, Monday, August 7, 2017.

#1 Book from the Fourth/Fifth Grade List of Books:
Title: ___________________________________________________________
Author: _________________________________________________________
Pages: ______ AR Book level___________ (you can find this at www.arbookfind.com)

#2 Book from the Fourth/Fifth Grade List of Books:
Title: ___________________________________________________________
Author: _________________________________________________________
Pages: ______ AR Book level___________ (you can find this at www.arbookfind.com)

Writing Assignment:

Using the book you will not use for an AR quiz, write two paragraphs, no less than five sentences each, about the second book. The first paragraph should be a summary of the book; the second paragraph should reflect your recommendation (with specific examples) to read (or not read) the book. Your paragraphs will be assessed on the following qualities:

- content: summary and recommendation paragraphs
- style: sentence structure and word choice
- capitalization/ punctuation/ spelling
- penmanship (must be in cursive handwriting)

Parent Signature____________________________________________________
### 4th and 5th Grade Summer Paragraph Rubric

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<th>Topic</th>
<th>25 Points</th>
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<td><strong>Content</strong></td>
<td>Paragraph 1 is a summary. Paragraph 2 is a recommendation. Your comments and thoughts are insightful and make sense. The writing is about the topics and includes interesting details.</td>
<td>Paragraph 1 is a summary. Paragraph 2 is a recommendation. Your comments are about the topics, make sense, and include good details. The sentences are in logical order.</td>
<td>One or more paragraphs do not follow the content guideline. Comments do not make sense. There are no details. The sentences are not in good order.</td>
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<td><strong>Style:</strong></td>
<td>Many sentences are complete, interesting, and start in different ways; some are long and some are short. You have used several strong words correctly.</td>
<td>Most sentences are complete and start in different ways. The writer uses a few strong words correctly.</td>
<td>There are fragments and run-on sentences. Most of the sentences start the same way. Many of the words don’t make sense.</td>
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<td><strong>Capitalization</strong></td>
<td>There are no mistakes. Capitals and punctuation marks are perfect. Spelling is perfect.</td>
<td>There are only a few mistakes. Most of the capitals and end marks are correct. Most words are spelled correctly.</td>
<td>There are many mistakes. Many capitals and/or end marks are missing. Many spelling mistakes are evident.</td>
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<td><strong>Punctuation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Penmanship</strong></td>
<td>Your cursive is neat and easy to read. Both paragraphs meet or exceed five sentences in length.</td>
<td>I can understand most of your cursive writing. Both paragraphs are at least five sentences long.</td>
<td>The handwriting is not cursive or it is too difficult to read. Any paragraph is shorter than five sentences.</td>
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<td><strong>Length</strong></td>
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**Teacher comments:**

**Total points:** ________
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