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Dear Families,

Summer provides a wonderful opportunity for students and families to enjoy great books together! The goal of the Ignite summer reading program is to foster a love of reading. Summer reading also provides students with an opportunity to activate their academic skills and become a launchpad for critical thinking at the beginning of the school year.

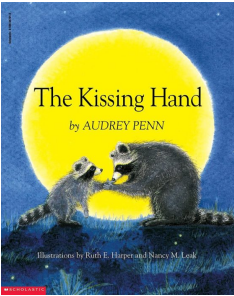
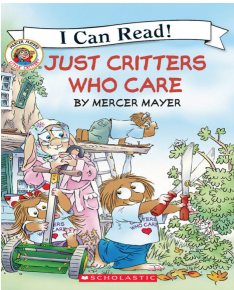
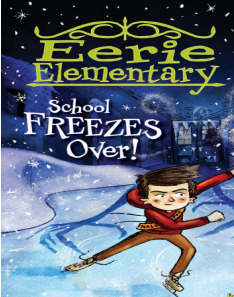
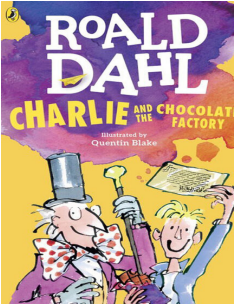
This summer, students will receive one book to read. You will find the summer reading lists for each grade level below. Please review the list of projects on the last page and choose something that you and your child can enjoy together with the family. All projects are due during the first week of school.

As always, the more students read over the summer, the more prepared they will be for the next grade level. We encourage them to take a book with them wherever they go. In addition, a great way to keep up with writing skills is to journal about summer adventures. We hope you all have a relaxing and safe summer, and we eagerly anticipate seeing all of the Summer Reading Projects.

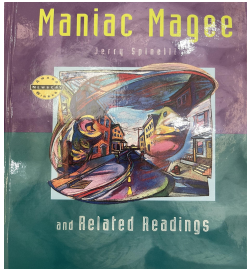
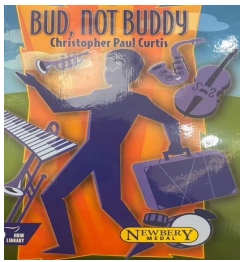
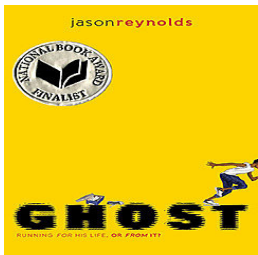
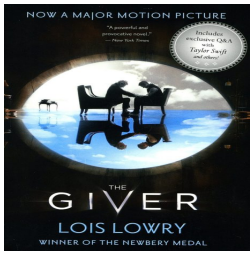
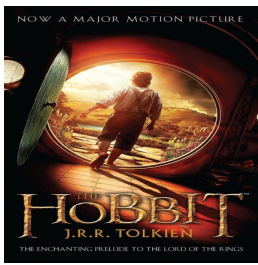
Happy reading!

Thrive/Ignite ELAR Department

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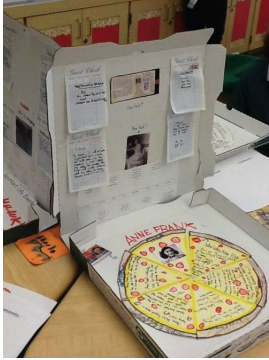
<p>Incoming Kinder: The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn</p> <p>Here is the story of a little raccoon who confronts the first day of school and needs reassurance. School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called "The Kissing Hand" to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary.</p>	
<p>Incoming 1st Grade: Just Critters Who Care by Mercer Mayer</p> <p>Little Critter and His Friends Learn That Helping Others Is Fun! When Little Critter finds out one of his neighbors is in need, he and his friends rally together and volunteer their help. They soon learn community service is rewarding...and fun! Who can Little Critter and his friends help next?</p>	
<p>Incoming 2nd Grade: School Freezes Over by Jack Chabert</p> <p>Eerie Elementary is at it again! In book #5, a terrible snowstorm hits the school, and the students are trapped. Soon, the hungry school begins to freeze from the inside out! Icicles drip from the ceiling and snow piles fill the hallways! Then Antonio turns into an ice statue -- making him a yummy popsicle for the school to dine on! Can Sam and Lucy turn up the heat in time to save the students?</p>	
<p>Incoming 3rd Grade: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</p> <p>Willy Wonka, a crazy chocolatier, opens his chocolate factory doors for the first time to five lucky children who have randomly purchased the coveted chocolate bars containing the golden ticket. Besides a lifetime supply of chocolate, the children get a chance to tour the mysterious factory with their guide, Willy Wonka. Throughout their journey in Wonka's factory, the children encounter all sorts of silliness, as well as ethical dilemmas.</p>	

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<p>Incoming 4th Grade: Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli</p> <p>An orphaned adolescent boy with a legendary talent for running goes on a journey of self-discovery, leaving his aunt and uncle's unhappy home, bouncing from place to place, and learning about racism and what it means to belong; and includes a selection of related poems, stories, and articles.</p>	
<p>Incoming 5th Grade: Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p>It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but he's on a mission. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: posters of Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud's got an idea that those posters will lead to his father. Once he decides to hit the road and find this mystery man, nothing can stop him. Bud, Not Buddy is full of laugh-out-loud humor and wonderful characters, hitting the high notes of jazz and sounding the deeper tones of the Great Depression.</p>	
<p>Incoming 6th Grade: Ghost by Jason Reynolds</p> <p>Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. These four kids from wildly different backgrounds have personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also the four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team, a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose. But they have a lot to prove as well, not only to each other but to themselves.</p>	
<p>Incoming 7th Grade: The Giver by Lois Lowry</p> <p>Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. December is the time of the annual Ceremony at which each twelve-year-old receives a life assignment determined by the Elders. Jonas watches his friend Fiona named Caretaker of the Old and his cheerful pal Asher labeled the Assistant Director of Recreation.</p>	
<p>Incoming 8th Grade: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien</p> <p>Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum.</p>	

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Summer Reading Project Lists

<p>Video Commercial:</p> <p>Students can use any video platform to create a video commercial for their book to persuade someone to read it. Some ideas for video platforms include but aren't limited to: Google Meets, YouTube, iMovie, Windows Movie Maker, Flipgrid, WeVideo, Video Recorder, or use your device's main camera!</p>	<p>Social Media Page</p> <p>Create a social media page for a character in your summer reading selection. Chronicle major events, as they happen through the life of the character.</p>	<p>Choose Your Own Adventure-style stories with new endings.</p> <p>Create a slide for the choice that actually happened and describe it there. Then create a slide for the alternative choice and describe it. Select 2-3 events from the story and create an alternative scene in Google Slides</p>	<p>Digital Book Report</p> <p>Write your own Book Report with this creative presentation in Google Slides theme. You will need to make a copy of the Google Slides template before you begin.</p>
<p>T-Shirt Book Report</p> <p>Create a wearable book report with a plain white tee. Come up with your own using Sharpie pens and acrylic paint. The book report must include, Title and author of the book, setting, genre, characters, and main events.</p> 	<p>Pizza Box Book Report</p> <p>Create a pizza box book report. Each wedge of the pizza pie tells part of the story.</p> 	<p>Create a Quiz:</p> <p>Students could use Google Forms to create a quiz about the book/story they read for others to take. This requires a bit of thinking on their end and they will need to be very familiar with the book in order to come up with different types of questions and their answers.</p>	<p>Picture Books:</p> <p>Students could use Google Slides or PowerPoint to retell the story they read using only pictures. As they flip through the book they created, they can retell the story to any audience.</p>
<p>Peekaboo Book Report</p> <p>Using cardboard lap books (or small science report boards), students include details about their book's main characters, plot, setting, conflict, resolution, etc. Then they draw a head and arms on card stock and attach them to the board from behind to make it look like the main character is peeking over the report.</p>			