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2021-2022 Summer Reading List Elementary

Dear Elementary Parents,

It is that time of year to plan for the DRA Summer Reading Program! We look forward to your partnership in making this important part of a classical education a success for your student. The reading list for this summer is provided in the child's end-of-the-year report card envelope, in an attachment to an email to all enrolled students for 2020-2021, and in a post on the DRA website.

A classical education is based on the reading of many great books that form the basis of our Christian culture and heritage. The DRA curriculum is designed to have students read both works of literature and history. While not all the great books can be read during the academic year, DRA wants to encourage the reading of as many of them as possible! The summer reading program is an attempt to create that opportunity.

Each DRA elementary student must read two books this summer. Each (upcoming) grade has one required reading and then a list of options from which the student may choose a second book. The second book may come from the grade level the student will be entering in the fall, one year ahead, or one year below, thus offering up to a 3-year range of options and reading levels.

Of course, we encourage reading as many books as your child desires! **However, a minimum of two is required.**

As always, your partnership is essential. Encourage your child to begin early. A book is meant to be enjoyed, even savored, and that cannot be achieved when a student is rushed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and have a blessed summer!

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Please have your child read the required book from the list assigned to your child's upcoming grade. The second book may come from the grade level the student will be entering in the fall, or one year ahead, or one year below. 1st grade will draw a picture or write 1-2 sentences about each book. Grades 2-4 will draw a picture and write 1-2 sentences about each book. Grade 5 will write 2-3 sentences about each book (drawing a picture is optional). Drawings and sentences will be turned in the first week of school as one of your child's first graded assignments.

Elementary Required Reading (in bold): The first book (**in bold**) that is listed for each grade is the REQUIRED reading. The books that are in *italics* are the books that your child may pick from for their second book. Each child will read and provide a product for **both** books.

<p>1st Grade: Go Dog Go (P.D. Eastman) <i>Frog and Toad are Friends</i> (Arnold Lobel) <i>The Hungry Caterpillar</i> (Eric Carle) <i>Hop on Pop</i> (Dr. Seuss) <i>Inch by Inch</i> (Leo Lionni) <i>My Best Friend</i> (Pat Hutchins) <i>Biscuit</i> (Alyssa Satin Capucilli)</p>	<p>2nd Grade: Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea (Cynthia Rylant) <i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i> (Gene Zion) <i>Tacky the Penguin</i> (Helen Lester) <i>Henry and mudge: The First Book</i> (Cynthia Rylant) <i>Widget</i> (Lyn Rossiter McFarland) <i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs</i>(Judi Barrett) <i>Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown</i> (Paula Danziger)</p>
<p>3rd Grade: Stuart Little (E. B. White) <i>Dragon of Lonely Island</i> (Rebecca Rupp) <i>Ballet Shoes</i> (Noel Streatfeild) <i>A Lion to Guard Us</i> (Clyde Bulla) <i>The Box Car Children (Gertrude Chandler Warner)</i> <i>Ralph and the Motorcycle (Beverly Cleary)</i> <i>Runaway Ralph (Beverly Cleary)</i></p>	<p>4th Grade: Because of Winn-Dixie (Kate DiCamillo) <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> (Natalie Babbitt) <i>Esperanza Rising</i> (Pam Muñoz Ryan) <i>Trumpet of the Swan</i>(E.B. White) <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> (Ronald Dahl) Any book in the following series: <i>Hardy Boys Mystery Stories</i> (Franklin W. Dixon), <i>Nancy Drew Mystery Stories</i> (Franklin W. Dixon), <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i>(C. S. Lewis)</p>
<p>5th Grade: Shilo (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor) <i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> (George Seldon) <i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> (Johann Wyss) <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> (Jules Verne) <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> (Ken Grahame) <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>(Lucy Montgomery) <i>Summer of the Swans</i>(Betsy Byars)</p>	<p>6th Grade: <i>Number the Stars</i> (Lois Lowry) <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> (Herriot) <i>The Silver Sword</i> (Ian Serrailier) <i>Little Britches</i> (Ralph Moody) <i>Julie of the Wolves</i>(Jean George) <i>Winged Watchman</i> (H. Von Stockum)</p>