BETHESDA’S ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING CLUB

Dear Students and Parents,

Once again, we are providing an opportunity for Bethesda elementary students to participate in a summer reading club. We believe it is extremely important for students to continue reading through the summer months. Reading is such a vital foundational skill for life!

Students entering grades 1 and 2 will be reading a minimum of 20 minutes per day, totaling at least 800 minutes before school begins in August. For students entering grades 3 through 5, a minimum of 30 minutes is required each day, totaling 1,200 minutes.

Attached is a list of suggested titles for reading. Students are free to choose books other than those on this list. Also, students are free to read a book from a grade level other than their own. Most titles are available in public libraries; however, the titles with an asterisk are books that are specifically Christian and may be found at your local Christian bookstore. Students entering the fourth and fifth grades have required summer reading. These students will be tested over the contents of the books on the first day of school.

We appreciate feedback from parents and students regarding books listed. If you find a title which you would recommend be added to this list for next summer, please let us know. We use several resources (ACSI, Focus on the Family, etc.) when considering suitable titles; however, please know that we look to each parent to determine what is or is not appropriate for his/her child to read.

You must keep a record of minutes spent during each reading session and bring it back by Friday, August 24. Students who bring to their teachers the completed BCS Summer Reading Log showing they have met the minimum requirement will participate in a Playzone Party in September! Please note that the BCS Summer Reading Log is the only form that will be accepted to qualify for the Playzone Party.

Wrap yourself in a cocoon of fun and adventure this summer...READ!
This reading log must be turned in to home room teachers by Friday, August 24, in order for your student to participate in the Playzone Party in September. Because of the logistics involved in preparing for this party, BCS cannot extend the deadline for log submissions beyond this date. Please note that the BCS Summer Reading Log is the only form that will be accepted to qualify for the Playzone Party.

* If you need to record additional minutes, a downloadable PDF version of the BCS Summer Reading Log is available on the school website under the BCS Families link, located in the header of the website. This password-protected area is accessed with your RenWeb login credentials. After gaining access, click on the BCS Forms & Flyer page in the left menu and then scroll down to “Summer Reading 2018.”
### Grade 1

**Bible** – one chapter a day from Proverbs  
*Frog and Toad All Year*  
*The Foot Book*  
*Wacky Wednesday*  
*The Grouchy Ladybug*  
*Sammy the Seal*  
*Whistle for Willie*  
*Little Black, A Pony (series)*  
*Grandfather’s Journey*  
*Mirette on the Highwire*  
*The Ox Cart Man*  
*Owl Moon*  
*Make Way for Ducklings*  
*Where the Wild Things Are*  
*The Children of the King*  
*Pig Will and Pig Won’t*  
*Henry’s Awful Mistake*  
*Angus Lost*  
*No Roses for Harry (series)*  
*Henry & Mudge (series)*  
*Curious George (series)*  
*A Hole is to Dig*  
*Charlie Needs a Cloak*  
*Biscuit Books (series)*  

Arnold Lobel (and other Lobel books)  
Dr. Seuss (and other Seuss books)  
Theo Le Sieg (and other Le Sieg books)  
Eric Carle (and other Carle books)  
Syd Hoff (and other Hoff books)  
Ezra Keats (and other Keats books)  
Walter Farley  
Allen Say  
Emily Arnold McCully  
Donald Hall  
Jane Yolen  
Robert McCloskey  
Maurice Sendak  
Max Lucado  
Richard Scarry (and other Scarry books)  
Robert Quackenbush  
Marjorie Flack  
Margaret Graham  
Cynthia Rylant  
H.A. Rey  
R. Krauss, Maurice Sendak  
Tomie DePaola  
Alyssa Satin Capucilli

### Grade 2

**Bible** – one chapter a day from Proverbs  
*Billy and Blaze (series)*  
*Dr. Dabble Adventures (series)*  
*I Can Read Books (series)*  
*The Long Way to a New Land*  
*The Long Way Westward*  
*Sam the Minuteman*  
*Miss Nelson (series)*  
*Cam Jansen Mysteries (series)*  
*Moses God’s Helper (series)*  
*What Would Jesus Do?*  
*The Tales of Peter Rabbit (series)*  
*Amelia Bedelia (series)*  
*Crippled Lamb*  
*Reel Kids (series)*  
*Cul-de-SAC Kids (series)*  
*The Story of Ferdinand*  
*Nate the Great (series)*  
*Frances (series)*  
*Edward & the Pirates*  
*Bear Books (series)*  
*The Little House*  
*When Jessie Came Across the Sea*  
*Earl the Squirrel*  
*The Clown of God*  
*The Biggest Bear*  
*How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World*  

C.W. Anderson  
Sigmond Brouwer  
Harper Collins Publisher  
Joan Sandin  
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Nathaniel Benchley  
Harry Allard  
David Adler  
W.E. Young  
Mack Thomas  
Beatrix Potter  
Peggy Parish  
Max Lucado  
Dave Gustaveson  
Beverly Lewis  
Munro Leaf  
M. & M. Sharmat  
Russell Hoban  
David McPhail  
Frank Asch  
Virginia Lee Burton  
Amy Hest  
Don Freeman (and other Freeman books)  
Tomie dePaola  
Lynd Ward  
Faith McNulty
Grade 3

Bible – one chapter a day from Proverbs
Homer Price
Centerburg Tales
Souther
A Dog on Barkham Street
Strider
American Girls Collection
The Boxcar Children (series)
*The Evergreen Wood
*Sugar Creek Gang (series)
The Velveteen Rabbit
Henry Huggins (series)
Sarah, Plain and Tall
Whipping Boy
B is for Betsy
*Mandie (series)
*Grandma’s Attic (series)
The Littles (series)
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie
My Father’s Dragon (series)
McBroom’s Zoo (series)
Yellow & Pink
The Seashore Book
Boomtown
The Cat-de-Sac Kids (series)
*You are Mine
The Raft

Grade 4

Required reading: Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Bible – one chapter a day from Proverbs
The Borrowers (Odyssey series)
Snow Treasure
Tales from Shakespeare
*Accidental Detectives Mysteries (series)
*Kidnapped by River Rats (Trailblazer series)
Winnie the Pooh
Charlotte’s Web
Stuart Little
Misty of Chincoteague (series)
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (series)
Great Brain
Cricket in Times Square
From the Mixed-Up Files of...
Pippi Longstocking
Left Behind Series (for children)
Runaway Ralph
Ralph Mouse
Mouse and the Motorcycle
*Animal Friends (series)
Columbus
Leif the Lucky
The Wolfhound
Young Underground (series)
The Good Master
Journey to America
Jimmy Spoon and the Pony Express
Mandy
Madeline Takes Command

Robert McCloskey
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William H. Armstrong
Mary Stolz
Beverly Cleary
Pleasant Company
G.C. Warner
Alan & Linda Parry
Paul Hutchens
Margery Williams
Beverly Cleary
Patricia MacLachlan
Sid Fleischman
Carolyn Haywood
Louis Gladys Leppard
Arleta Richardson
John Peterson
Peter & Connie Roop
Ruth Stiles Gannett
Sid Fleischman
William Stieg
Charlotte Zolotow
Sonia Levitin
Beverly Lewis
Max Lucado
Jim LaMarch
Mary Norton
Marie McSwigan
Charles & Mary Lamb
Sigmond Brouwer
Dave & Neta Jackson
A.A. Milne
E.B. White
E.B. White
Marguerite Henry (and other Henry books)
Betty MacDonald (and other MacDonald books)
John Fitzgerald (and other Fitzgerald books)
George Selden
E.L. Konigsburg
Astrid Lindgren
La Haye & Jenkins
Beverly Cleary
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Janette Oke
The D’Aulaires
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Kristine L. Franklin
Robert Elner
Kate Seredy
Sonia Levitin
Kristiana Gregory
Julie Edwards
Ethel C. Brill
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