

Summer Reading Assignment
North Colonie Elementary Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is important for our children to develop a love and joy of reading in addition to the skills of reading. One very effective way to do this is to allow children to have choice in their books to ensure that they will find pleasure in sitting down to read.

This year we are asking for your help to keep your child reading and enjoying books during the summer months. We hope that your child will read many books over the summer. **Of the books that your child reads, he/she needs to select any two books that they enjoy and be prepared to discuss these books with their classmates in September.** They should complete a “bookmark” on each book so that they have notes for sharing their books with their classmates.

Attached is a list of books that have been recommended by our teachers and librarians because they are interesting books of high quality and are known to be appealing to our students. These specific books are not required and students should be encouraged to select any book they are interested in, so that they will read what they enjoy. You might want to go to the library with your child, pull five or ten of the recommended or other books from the shelves and look through them together. Let your child select those books that he/she finds interesting and able to read. If the book is too difficult for your child to read, but he/she is very interested anyway, you might want to select the book as a family read-aloud.

These books should be available through our local public libraries and many local bookstores. Multiple copies of books noted with an asterisk (*) are available at each elementary school and can be borrowed for the summer. Students should check with their teacher before the end of the school year.

We greatly appreciate your help and look forward to listening to your child next school year as they share the stories they have enjoyed.

Sincerely,

The Faculty and Principals of
North Colonie Elementary Schools

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