

FPDS 5th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents of Rising 5th Graders,

We are so excited to welcome your child to the 5th grade this year! We are going to have such a fun and wonderful year of learning together. To help prepare for your child's journey, he/she will need to start with some summer reading.

The importance of summer reading has been demonstrated repeatedly in educational research. Those studies have shown that children who read in the summer are much more prepared for school once it resumes in August. On the other hand, children who do not read during the summer demonstrate significant loss of reading skills.

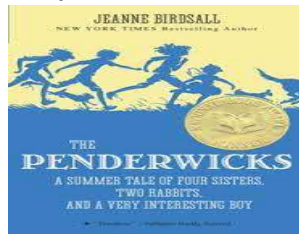
To assess comprehension of the summer reading books, students will take the Accelerated Reader (AR) tests on both summer reading books. Reading more than two books from the list is also highly recommended. Please encourage your child to use this summer to get a jumpstart on reading and earning AR points that will count towards his/her 1st 9 Weeks AR Goal! Happy Summer Reading!!!

We are offering a few AR testing days during the summer in which students may come to the **school library** and take AR tests: **June 15 and 17 and July 20 and 22** from **9-12 A.M.** Required summer reading AR tests may be taken on these dates at the school or may be taken at the school when the school year begins.

REQUIRED Summer Reading Book

The Penderwicks- A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy

by Jeanne Birdsall



- You must read this book for summer reading. You must complete a written assignment for this book in which you will handwrite or type a 5-8 sentence paragraph summarizing the most important events for each of the 18 chapters (total of 18 summaries). Please include the chapter number and title with each of your 18 chapter summaries; you may put more than one chapter summary on a page and may write on the back side of the paper. An AR test will be taken for a test grade. We will also complete in-class projects with the book the first week of school.

“1+” FREE Choice Summer Reading Book

- Choose 1 (or more) of the following books to read for summer reading. There is no written assignment for this book. An AR test will be taken for a test grade.

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor

Old Yeller by F. Gipson

Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

The Aurora County All-Stars by Deborah Wiles

Pippi Longstocking by Astric Lindgren

Save me a Seat by Gita Varadarajan