

Summer Reading Challenge Windham Center School

Dear Parents:

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We have put together a summer reading challenge to encourage your children to keep reading this summer. Reading will help students continue the growth that they have made during the school year. Reading improves vocabulary, writing ability, and test scores. It's also fun—whether escaping to fictional worlds, or learning from nonfiction. Summer is a great time for students to self-select books they enjoy, and to share reading experiences with adults and friends.

Here is our challenge: Would your children (and you) like to see Mr. Desrosiers, our principal, direct traffic in a silly costume? If Center School students read 2,008 books this summer, Mr. Desrosiers has agreed to do so. If each student reads 4 books, we'll achieve this goal. To participate, hang the "Go for the gold" reading log on the fridge, and write down the book titles that you read. Turn in this log at the start of the school year. Books read for the Nesmith library's summer reading program also may be recorded. Books read with, or by, an adult to a child also count.

Suggested reading: Included is list of suggested quality book titles. However, this is only a starting point: there are multitudes of great books to choose from. Please encourage students to pick out books they expect to enjoy, as well as to try something new.

Suggested authors and titles to try are listed in this reading packet, and at <http://destiny.windhamsd.org>: click on "Center School" and then "Summer Reading. Advanced readers may want to look at other grade levels' lists online. Incoming 4th & 5th graders may want to start reading from the Great Stone Face list, included on the attached bookmark. Students that read 3 or more of these 25 nominated titles will be eligible to vote for their favorite title in April 2009.

We encourage student participation in the public library's Australian-themed "G'day For Reading" summer reading program this year. And "Go For the Gold" with our Olympics reading challenge. See you in August!

Sincerely,
Joel Burdette
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