

Dear Grace Families,

Summer Greetings! ☀️ Even though summer is just beginning, I hope that you and your children are enjoying the longer days, the sunshine, camps, travels, and meaningful times with family and friends.

As you know, summer is the perfect time to sit back, relax, and enjoy a good book! Wherever your summer plans take you--the pool, the park, the beach, or your own backyard--we hope that you'll make reading a priority. Our Gryphons did such a wonderful job this year and read over 1,000 books during the Read on Purpose Challenge in February, and we'd like to sustain that momentum over the summer break. This summer, we're asking students entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 to read **one required book**, selected by their teachers, as well as choose at least 2-3 books from a longer list of choices. Teachers included a variety of texts to spark your child's interests. Of course, students should also read many other adventurous, informative, exciting, and fulfilling books on their own! Whatever your child's grade level, we hope that you will enjoy reading as a family this summer, and that your child will read several books independently as well.

In addition, the Montgomery County Public Library [MCPL 2024 Summer Reading Challenge - Adventure Starts Here!](#) is underway. There are some amazing opportunities for students to get involved. Please see the links below to find the reading list for your child's **rising** grade.

Best wishes for a happy and restful summer. We miss the children already!

Warmly,

Kate