

# #WeAreSummerReaders

## Summer Reading Challenge



Dear Families,

The teachers and staff of MTES are challenging our students to meet the goal of reading (at least) four books and logging a reaction for each book read this summer because WE ARE SUMMER READERS!

### **How do the students participate in the challenge?**

- Students can make time to READ during the summer between **June 17th and September 6th!**
- When students complete a book, he or she will enter their reading information on the form (Google **or** paper)
  - Google forms can be submitted throughout the summer
  - Paper forms can be submitted to their teachers in the fall
- The form is designed to encourage students to react to and evaluate what they have read

### **How will our school celebrate our students' summer reading success?**

- There will be a school-wide Reading Challenge Celebration when we return in September
- Each student who reaches their goal of reading at least four books and logging a reaction for each book read, will earn a certificate and a raffle ticket (students can earn additional raffle tickets for each additional book read and logged)
- A variety of reading-related prizes purchased by the PTO will be raffled for participating students to win during the reading celebration in the fall!

### **Looking for some ideas for books to read?**

- Ask your child to show you their **'To Read'** list!
- See the attached list of titles for grades 3-5
- Visit a Monmouth County Library! There are programs and knowledgeable librarians available to help! <http://monmouthcountylib.org/>
- Great Schools has a variety of genre/topic book lists for all grades-even 'Books so great, they made a movie'!  
<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>
- The site Read Brightly is a great reading resource:  
<http://www.readbrightly.com/summer-reading-tweens/>
- Interested in Graphic Novels? See Reading Rocket's book list:  
<http://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/graphic-novels-read-pictures>

## How can my child access the Google form?

- Follow the links below:

Incoming 3rd grade students: <https://goo.gl/forms/Oh06qkqIGBFu5Kmx1>

Incoming 4th grade students: <https://goo.gl/forms/To3eU58XG05rxo9J2>

Incoming 5th grade students: <https://goo.gl/forms/soj9vHKVS7p4TTR13>

- See the website for a link

## Please note:

- Any and all reading is important, but our challenge will be measured in *books read*
- The challenge is to encourage *independent reading* (being read aloud to is important and SHOULD happen this summer, but will not 'count' toward their four book goal)
- Audio and ebooks read independently DO count
- Links for a Slideshow and the Google Forms will be on the school website
- A copy of Read-O from <https://www.bookopolis.com/> will be provided-this is just an additional fun way to encourage reading this summer-when completed, it can be sent in to them for a free book

Thank you for *your* support as *you support your reader in maintaining their reading skills this summer!*

Please contact us with any questions!

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## *Some reading tips for parents:*

- Praise all of your child's efforts to read!
- Read to your child regularly, even after your child is able to read independently.
- Make reading and writing a regular part of your daily home activities.
- Let your child see you using reading and writing for real purposes.
- Listen to your child read. Use strategies to help your child with tricky words. For example, when your child comes to an unfamiliar word, you might say, "Skip it and read to the end of the sentence. Now try again – what makes sense and looks like the word that you see?"
- Talk to your child about what he or she is reading. Ask open-ended questions such as "What do you think about that story?" "What would you have done if you were that character?" "Why do you think...?"
- Support your child's efforts and interest in writing. Read what your child writes.
- Set *reasonable limits* for television and screen time.

*Adapted from Mraz, Padak, & Baycich (2002)*