

HAWKEN SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Dear Families,

Summer vacation is quickly approaching with special plans for relaxing and family fun. This is the perfect time to continue to foster your child's love of reading. Enjoy reading together or alone, favorite titles from the year or "catching up" on books you've wanted to read. Summer reading for Hawken Lower School students will consist of required assignments and pleasure reading for students entering PS-Grade 3.

All Hawken students in grades PS-3 will participate in a Family Literacy Project. Since many classes studied different countries this year, and our students enjoy researching, this year's project will be different from previous years.

The Family Literacy Project: Travel the World. Together read a book that takes place in another country or somewhere specific in the United States. Illustrate in the space provided what you learned about the country, or take pictures of your family celebrating an activity that happens in the book. Be creative! Families with more than one student at Hawken may do one project for everyone. Students may use the Family Literacy Project title as one of their assigned books.

We **strongly** suggest that your children join the summer reading program at your local public library. The programs are creatively designed to encourage children to continue reading during the summer. All public libraries should own the titles on our list, ask the librarians at your library for additional reading suggestions.

All suggested reading lists and assignments are on the Hawken library website.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING:

Preschool and Pre-K – We recommend that you read to your children for 20 minutes each day. Talk about the books you read, notice the illustrations, sequences, and new words. Complete the Family Literacy Project.

Kindergarten – Kindergartners can read or have read to them, books on the following topics: Families, Friends, School, Sharing/Feelings and one picture book about ABCs, Colors, or Numbers. Please fill in the 5 titles on the sheet given and give it to your teacher on the first day of school. Complete the Family Literacy Project.

First Grade – Read, Read, Read. Complete the Family Literacy Project.

Second Grade – Read, Read, Read. Read one book and complete one of the attached graphic organizers. Return it to your teacher on the first day of school. Complete the Family Literacy Project.

Third Grade – Each student will read 2 fiction and 2 nonfiction titles. **Please bring to school on the first day** – one fiction and one nonfiction book. These may be from your public library. Complete the Family Literacy Project.

Family Literacy Projects are returned to the library, all other assignments are returned to homeroom teachers.

Happy Reading,

Kathy Fehrenbach
Librarian – PS-Grade 3