Park Tudor Hilbert Center and Lower School Summer Reading
Grades JK-5th
May 2023

Park Tudor Families,

As our school year comes to a close we are already looking ahead to Summer Reading! Our teachers and students have worked very hard all year; your children are leaving school this year as better readers and writers. Summer is a great time to read to your children! It is also a wonderful time of year for students to read books for pleasure and to nurture a love for reading.

Reading aloud to our children also has tremendous educational benefits and can be a source of much enjoyment for students and parents. We strongly encourage parents to read aloud daily to and with their children. Read-alouds are not only enjoyable for beginning readers but they are just as essential for students in the middle grades. Reading comprehension improves as students listen to and discuss events, characters, and motivation. They learn to predict what will happen and they increase their vocabulary. In addition, the read-aloud time generates further interest in books.

We've included suggested summer reading lists organized according to grade level, providing a variety of levels and topics from which to choose. Remember, the attached lists are merely suggestions and examples of books for your child to read/listen to. Support your child in choosing books that interest him/her that may or may not be included on a summer reading list.

We appreciate your support in promoting literacy skills, as it is especially critical during the elementary years. We hope that you and your child have a wonderful time enjoying many great books this summer!

Happy reading!

Preschool through K Reading List

Grades 1 & 2 Reading List

Grades 3 & 4 Reading List

Grade 5 Reading List

(Our suggested reading list and ideas in this letter were borrowed from Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network and West Springfield Schools)

(see below for rising 4th and 5th grade required reading)

Required Reading:

Rising 4th Grade Students:

- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

Rising 5th Grade Students:

- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
- *Mango Delight* by Fracaswell Hyman