

Opelousas Catholic Elementary
Summer Reading
May 2018

Dear Parents:

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to wish you and your children a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. We hope that as families, you will build into your precious time together the pleasures and adventures that reading good books offer. The summer can actually be crucial to the development of your child which is why we are sending this letter today. It is our hope that all students will read during the summer and that you will continue fostering the love of reading in your children.

Over the years, many studies and pieces of research have found that the break without any work at all can be extremely damaging. Therefore, we would appreciate your support in planning summer reading time (20 minutes daily). It is especially important for your children to be reading books of high interest to them. It is our belief that all students are capable of reading at least three books at their grade level during the summer.

Students **entering grades 3, 4, and 5** must complete a book report about **one book of their choice on their grade level.** Use the **book report form that is attached.** When students return to school in August, reading teachers will collect the summer reading book reports. The reports will be graded and averaged into the first nine-weeks reading grade.

We strongly encourage you to read along with your children and enjoy the rewarding conversations that follow the reading of a great book! Visiting your town library or a bookstore to explore books and authors can also be an enjoyable summer activity.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Elementary Teachers

Name: _____ Date: _____

My Book Report

Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Who is in the book?

Where does it take place? When?

What happened in the beginning?

What happened in the middle?

How does it end?

What did you think of the story? _____

