



Dear Parents,

Nettle Creek is proud to announce that our Summer Reading Program is back for its 3rd year! As many of you begin planning your summer activities for your children, we want you to remember to encourage your children to read over the summer break! Reading for the sake of reading will allow your child to explore summer from home, on the road, on vacation or from their own backyard! Many children forget what they've learned during the school year while on summer break. This "achievement loss" is also known as the summer slide. Keeping your kids' engaged with reading over the summer months will help maintain their academic edge and reduce the summer slide. Children who do not read over the summer could potentially lose more than 2 months of reading achievement.

Attached to this informational sheet are book recommendations for your grade level and recording sheets for any and all books that your child reads this summer. Record ALL books on this sheet. Ones that are read online and ones that are physically in the hands of your child! We would like you to have a book talk with your child before you initial that a book has been read. This could consist of simply asking your child questions about the book, having your child retell the story, or just discussing what they enjoyed or disliked about the story.

Last summer, our students read 1,188 books over the summer! Our goal this summer is going to be 1,200 books! If we can reach this goal, on the 1st day of school, we will be having a silly string fight!

Also, for every book your child reads this summer, he/she will receive a raffle ticket that will be entered into a drawing on the 1st day of school. We will be drawing a K-2, 3-5, 6-8 winner. The winning raffle ticket will receive a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart (courtesy of the PTO). If you need more recording sheets, feel free to make copies or stop by the school office to grab more! If you are the top reader in your grade level band, you automatically receive a \$25 gift card AND you still have a chance to win the \$50 gift card!

We would also love to put up pictures of you reading on our website! Snap a picture of your child(ren) reading and include the "Smart Fox" in the picture and email the photos to Mrs. Hester at katy.hester@nettlecreek.org

You can receive up to 2 additional raffle tickets for sending in your pictures! Be creative and look on our website each Friday for YOUR picture!!

If you have any questions over the summer, email Mrs. Darlington @ marissa.darlington@nettlecreek.org.

****See the back of this paper for more information on how YOU could win a trip to SkyZone!****

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SKYZONE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL?

HERE'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO GO!

**Attached you will find a summer bingo board. You
must do the following:**

- 1. Cover the entire board – an adult must initial that
the square has been completed.**
- 2. K-2 students – you must use a different book for each
square.**
- 3. 3-5 and 6-8 students, You can only use the SAME book
for 2 squares. For example, if a square says “Read for
30 min” and another square says “Read on a beach
towel” you can cover both squares with the same book
but then you have to read a different story to continue
covering the board.**
- 4. Return the covered board on the 1st day of school
which is August 16th! If it is not returned on August
16th, it will not be counted.**

*****THIS IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL – IT IS NOT REQUIRED*****