



Dear Parents,

We are excited to begin our 2nd annual Summer Reading Program at Nettle Creek! As many of you are planning for your summer activities for your children, we want you to remember to encourage your children to read over the summer! Many children forget what they've learned during the school year while on summer break. Keeping your children 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.

We are encouraging reading over the summer by providing your child(ren) access to myON, an online personalized collection of more than 5,000 digital books that can be read on computers, laptops, and other devices, anytime and anyplace.

You can also read the “old fashioned way” using the attached recording sheets. 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 year, our goal was to read 100 books as a school and we surpassed that goal by A LOT! This year, we are upping our goal to 500 BOOKS!! If we can reach this goal, we will be having an ice cream sundae party! For every book that your child reads this summer, he/she will receive a raffle ticket. We will be drawing a K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 winner. The winning raffle ticket from each group will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. New this year, the student who has read the most books from each group will automatically receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

You will also see a “Smart Fox” slip attached to this packet. The theme this year is “Read on the Go” We’d love to post pictures of our students reading on the go! Are you by the pool? Are you on a plane? Are you riding to a game? READ AND SNAP A PICTURE and email it to Mrs. Hester at katy.hester@nettlecreek.org and she will put them up on our school website! You can receive up to 2 additional raffle tickets for sending in your pictures! Look on our website each Friday for YOUR picture!! Be creative!!

We have also attached your log-in information for myON. If you lose this during the summer and cannot remember it, please email Mrs. Darlington at marissa.darlington@nettlecreek.org.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SLEEPOVER AT NETTLE CREEK WHEN SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN?!?

KEEP READING TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN JOIN US ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH!

In order to be invited to our Summer Reading Challenge Sleepover, you must complete the following...

Grades K-2: Read 25 books and complete a book report for each of those books. See the attached book report pages for more information.

Grades 3-5: Read 10 chapter books and complete a book report for each of those books. See the attached book report pages for more information.

Grades 6-8: Read 15 chapter books and complete a book report for each of those books. See the attached book report pages for more information.

*****EACH OF THESE BOOK REPORT PAGES ARE GRADE BAND (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) SPECIFIC. PLEASE ONLY USE THE ONES ATTACHED TO YOUR PACKET! THESE MUST BE RETURNED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THIS WILL GIVE OUR TEAM TIME TO CHECK EACH REPORT FOR COMPLETION! IF YOU HAPPEN TO LOSE YOURS, YOU CAN PRINT MORE FROM OUR WEBSITE.**