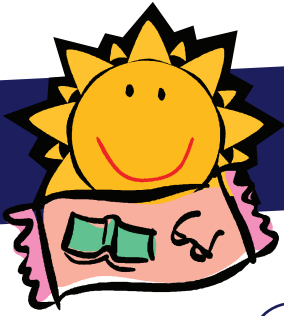


Summer Reading

summer reading information is posted on the school's website: www.stfrancisschool.org



IT'S VACATION! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

Learning and Reading researchers continually trumpet the fact that reading is the single most effective activity to prevent summer learning loss (a.k.a. the Summer Slump). Studies show that students who read as few as six books during the summer months gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year, while students who don't read during the summer may fall back as much as a grade level in their skills.



REQUIRED SUMMER READING and ASSIGNMENT

for soon-to-be 4th graders

This summer you'll need to complete one of the Required Reading books and the assignment as well as two Reader's Choice books. You may ask for help understanding the assignment, but you must draft and edit it independently. The ideas and editing should reflect your abilities, not those of someone who helped you.

Choose one of the following (books are listed in order of difficulty) and complete the assignment below.

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

Aurora County All Stars by Deborah Wiles



Assignment:

Who doesn't love summer vacation? It's nearly three months of sleeping in, playing outside, drinking lemonade, and creating unforgettable memories. In our summer reading, Opal, the Penderwicks, and the kids of Aurora County all share their tales of unforgettable summers. Do you have an exciting, tragic, or hilarious story about your summer that you're eager to share with your classmates? If you're feeling imaginative, you can even stretch the truth and make your story more dramatic.

You will share
your story during
the first week of school.

Your story should ...

- ◆ be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12
- ◆ be double-spaced
- ◆ have your name and date at the top
- ◆ be at least one full page



Reader's Choice: Choose at least two additional books to read. Be prepared to give a Book Talk when you return to school, and, with your recommendations, "booktalk" your classmates into reading one or both of your choices.

