

AGIS Summer Reading Program 2018 for incoming 5th and 6th graders



WELCOME SUMMER! We know that you are really looking forward to having time off from school, but please remember that it is important to read all summer long. To stay skilled at or to improve in something requires ongoing practice and the same is true for reading!

The purpose of our summer reading program is to develop a lifetime reading habit, encourage reading for pleasure, help prevent "summer slide" (loss of skills over the summer), and familiarize students with topics or authors they may encounter in the future.

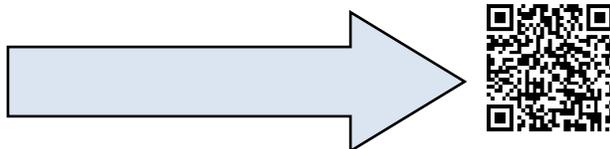
We are asking each student commit to reading a minimum of 3 books this summer. We know how important it is to offer students choice in what they read and we want students to find books that are a good fit for them. Each student will choose one book to read from our recommended booklist for incoming 5th and 6th graders (which you can find on the back or on our Summer Reading webpage). The booklist has 15 titles which include a variety of topics and authors as well as a range of book difficulty. This range will allow each student to choose a "just right" book.

In the classroom and in the library in the coming weeks, students will learn more about the titles on the booklist to help each student choose one book. Students will have a chance to order and purchase this book by Tuesday, June 5th, 2018. Prices are listed on the booklist. Each student who orders a book, will receive it before the last day of school.

Before the school year ends, students will complete a "commitment form" on which they will list what books they plan to read this summer as well as a goal related to reading that they will work toward this summer. In the fall, students will revisit the "commitment form" with their new teacher and celebrate their success! This "commitment form" document will be available to them through their Schoology account, the AGI Summer Reading webpage, and paper copies will be available in the main office.

When students return to school in the fall, they will participate in classroom activities with other students who have read the same book. This will be a great experience that will promote literacy in our school community.

On the school website, you can find the link to the *Avon Grove Intermediate School Summer Reading* <http://www.avongrove.org/schools/intermediate-school/agi-summer-reading> or use this QR code:



Since we expect each student to read a minimum of 3 books, the students can choose their own books. If you are looking for booklists to help you choose additional books, you can find them at the link above. The list includes books on a variety of topics, reading levels, and by different authors. This list includes books that will be easy to find at the local library or bookstore. It is helpful if parents assist their children in finding "just right" books to match their interests and reading abilities. Students may also choose to read books that are not found on the list but that they are interested in reading.

We hope you will encourage your child to participate in the Summer Reading Program and help them to avoid the "Summer Slide" becauseREADING MATTERS, even in the summer! Have a safe, relaxing summer!