

Bear Creek Community Charter School Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer reading—it's important! Research shows that kids who read over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the 'summer slide'—the loss of reading and learning skills during the summer break. Reading over the summer months really does make a difference to your child's learning. To help with the 'summer slide', Bear Creek is having a **LET'S READ S'MORE!** Summer Reading Challenge for all students entering grades one through eight. The challenge is optional. If your child completes the challenge, they will be eligible to participate in a S'MORE READING CELEBRATION!

Attached you will find the information needed to complete the challenge. Both the writing component and the reading component must be completed for your child to participate in the celebration when they return to school in August. Parent/Guardian's signature must be written on the line provided on the bottom of the s'mores reading sheet. You may return your child's Summer Reading Challenge work either at Open House on August 22nd or have your child bring it to school by August 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Corcoran at ann.corcoran@bearcreekschool.com.

Enjoy your summer!

Ann Corcoran
Reading Specialist

2024 Summer Reading Challenge!

Grades 1-2

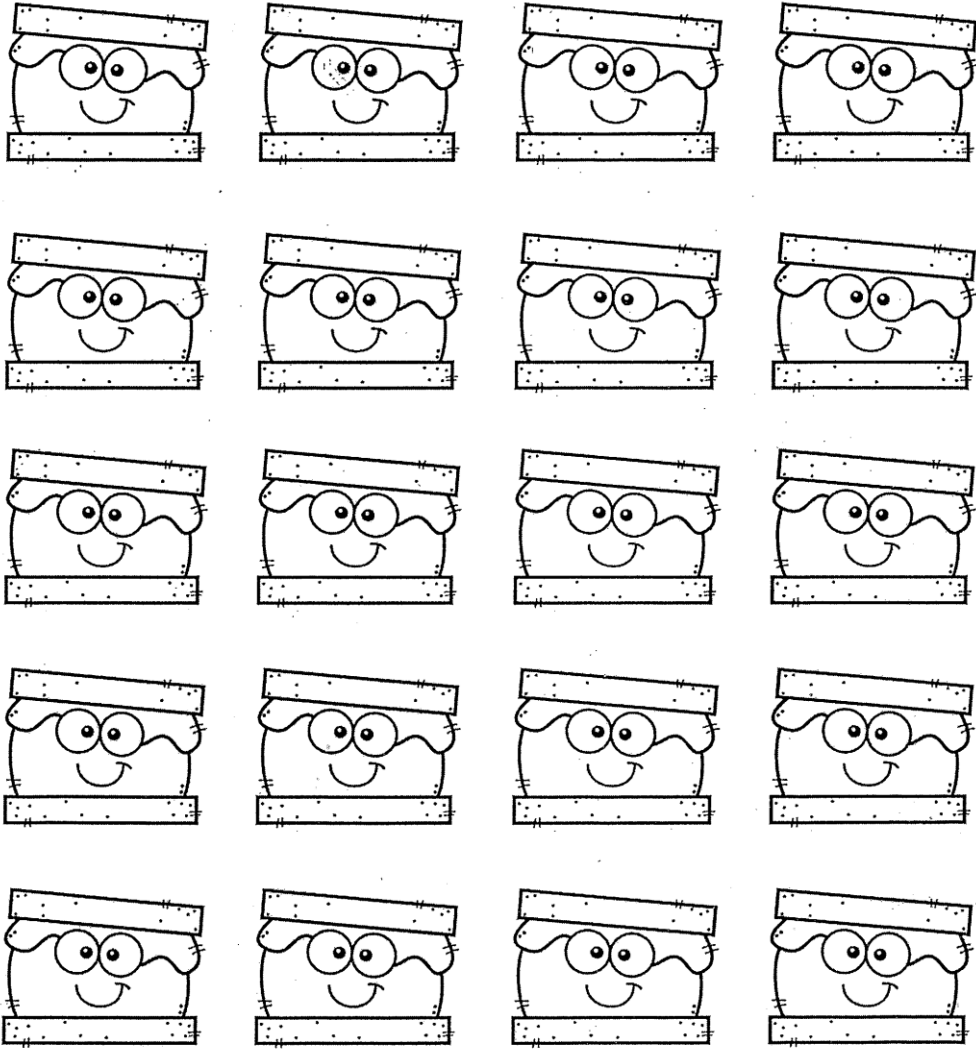
Using a notebook as a journal, pick any **six** of the questions listed below to complete. Your response must be at least **two sentences** long. **Include the title** of the book in your response. Be sure to **restate** the question. **Illustrate** each response.

1. Choose a book you read. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. Choose a book you read. How did the story make you feel? Why?
3. Choose a book you read. Could this story really have happened in real life? Explain why or why not.
4. Choose a book you read. If you could have lunch with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
5. Choose a book you read. If you could be friends with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
6. Choose a book you read. If you could ask two questions from one of the characters, what would ask?
7. Choose a book you read. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
8. Choose a book you read. Describe the setting of the story.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read S'More!

Please color one S'MORE for each **half hour** you read a book at home.
All S'MORES must be colored in to receive full credit.



Parents, please sign on the line after your child has colored in all twenty
S'MORES

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Grades 3-4

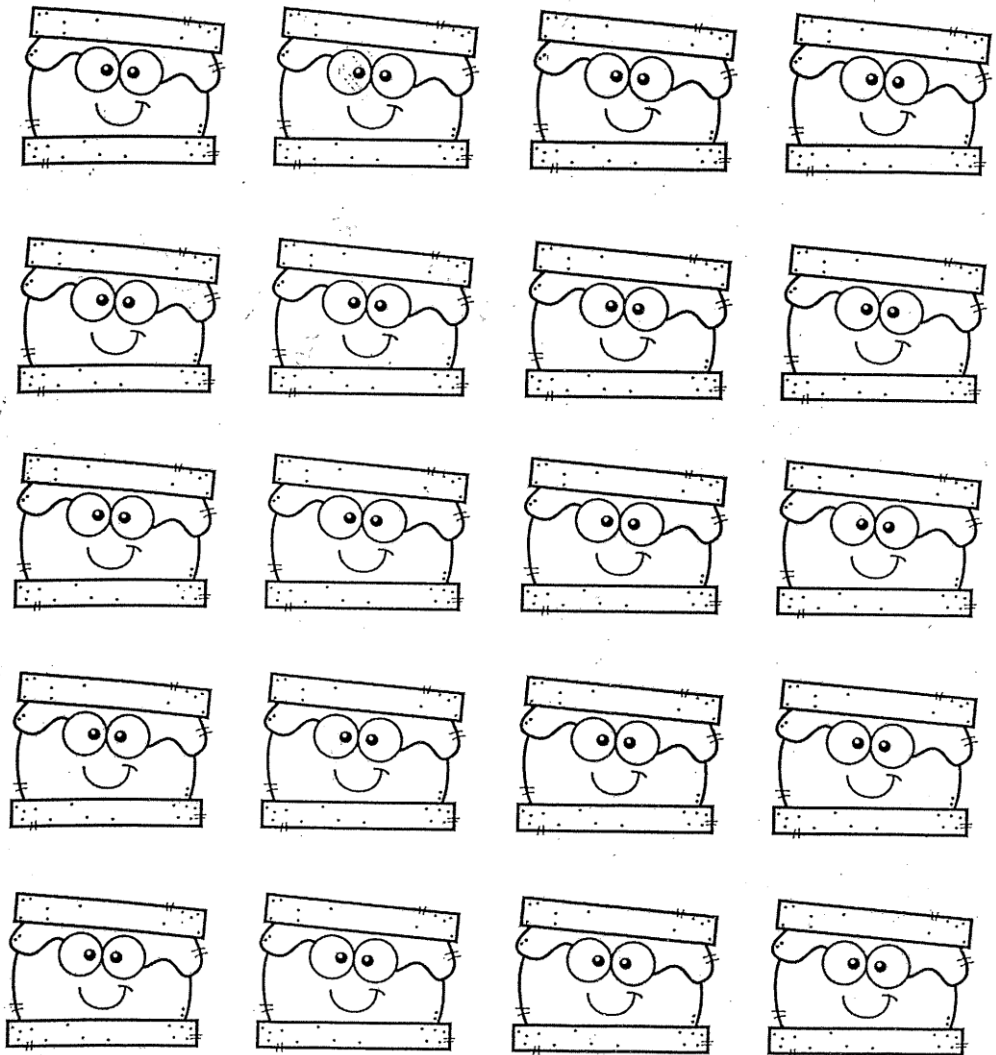
Using a notebook as a journal, pick any **eight** of the questions listed below to complete. Your response must be at least **four sentences** long. **Include the title** of the book in your response. Be sure to **restate** the question.

1. Choose a book you read. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. Choose a book you read. How did the story make you feel? Why?
3. Choose a book you read. Is this story fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?
4. Choose a book you read. If you could have lunch with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
5. Choose a book you read. If you could be friends with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
6. Choose a book you read. If you could ask three questions from one of the characters, what would ask?
7. Choose a book you read. What was your favorite part of the book?
8. Choose a book you have read. If you could rename the title of the book, what would it be? Why?
9. Choose a book you have read. What is the author's purpose for writing the story? Explain.
10. Choose a book you have read. Write a letter to the author explaining how you felt about the book. Explain why.

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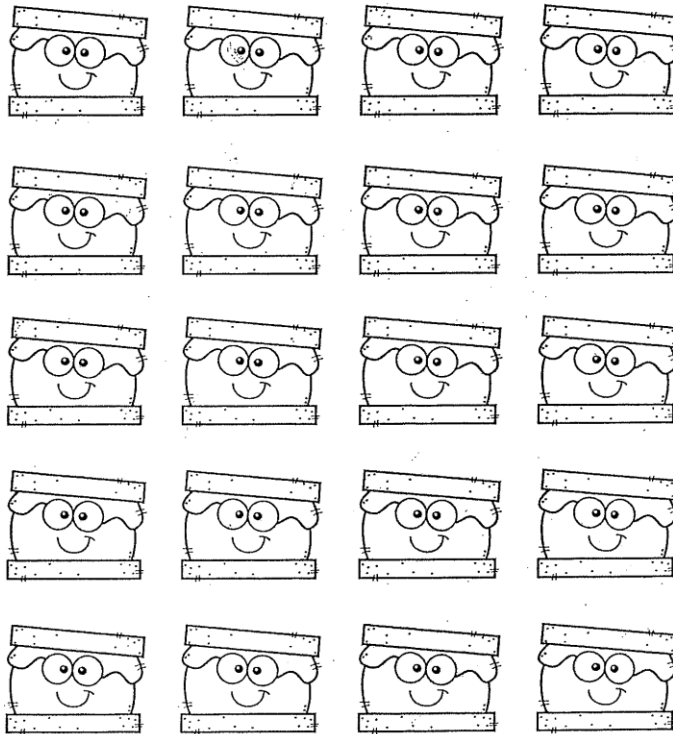
Grades 5-8

Using a notebook as a journal, pick any **ten** of the questions listed below to complete. Your response must be at least **five sentences** long. **Include the title** of the book in your response. Be sure to **restate** the question.

1. Choose a book you read. What is a text to self-connection you have after reading the book?
2. Choose a book you read. If you were to step into this story, what is the first thing you would do? Why?
3. Choose a book you read. What is the story's genre? How do you know?
4. Choose a book you read. If you could have lunch with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
5. Choose a book you read. If you could be friends with one of the characters from the story, who would you pick? Why?
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10. Choose a book you have read. Write a letter to the author explaining how you felt about the book. Explain why.
11. Choose a book you have read. How would you have changed the end of the story?
12. Choose a book you have read. How would the story be different if it were set in a different time period?

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Ways you can you're your child reduce summer reading loss:

- Make reading important. Be a role-model for reading. Let your child see you reading throughout the day and use daily routines as reading opportunities. Cooking, reading TV listings, looking for information on-line, reading directions, or following a map all provide authentic reading experiences.
- Give your child the power of choice. Having reading materials available is key to helping kids love to read, and the reading materials kids choose themselves are best. In fact, 92% of children and teens say they are more motivated to read and are more likely to finish a book they have picked out. Help your child find texts that appeal to his or her interests, yet are age appropriate and 'just right' in difficulty.
- Set aside time to read every day. We know that the more kids read, the better they become at reading and the more they will enjoy reading. During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Make reading 'down-time'—an opportunity for family members to read together, either aloud or quietly to themselves. Keep track of progress by recording book titles, pages read, and minutes spent.
- Talk it up. Talking about books during and after reading helps improve comprehension. Encourage kids to share their ideas and opinions by asking open-ended questions. Talk about what you read to let them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you— soon they might start doing the same.