



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 Summer Reading Challenge for all students entering grades one through eight. The challenge is optional. If your child completes the challenge they will receive a carnival goodie bag as well as a chance to win \$20.00 in Koebel's tickets!

Attached you will find the information needed to complete the challenge. Parent/Guardian's signature must be written on the lines provided. To be eligible, your child must return the completed work to school by August 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Corcoran at ann.corcoran@bearcreekschool.com.

Enjoy your summer!
Mrs. Corcoran

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.



SUMMER READING CARNIVAL DIRECTIONS

Grades 1 and 2: Complete 10 of the attached activities. You must use a different book for each activity. List the books you have read on the lines provided below. Color in the picture as you complete it.

Grades 3-5: Complete 12 of the attached activities. You must use at least 5 different books for each activity. List the books you have read on the lines provided below. Color in the picture as you complete it.

Grades 6-8: Complete 14 of the attached activities. You must use at least 4 different books for the activities. List the books you have read on the lines provided below. Color in the picture as you complete it.

Title of books:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Parents'/ Guardians' signature _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

