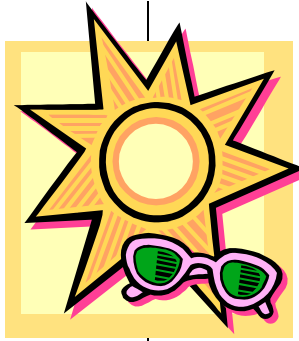


Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the temperatures rise and thoughts turn to summer, we all look forward to the relaxing activities summer vacation brings. One way to relax is to find a good book and get lost in a new adventure. Summer reading is a great opportunity for parents to support their children's lifelong reading habits and share in the joy that a good book brings. We hope that you will take the time to talk with your child about the reading he or she has enjoyed over the past several months and make plans together for summer reading. Reading is a skill that takes practice - lots of practice - just like running a marathon, learning to swim or playing an instrument. Summer reading helps students of all ability levels to sharpen their skills and to become recreational readers for life.

To support summer reading the Lebanon Schools and the Jonathan Trumbull Public Library have compiled lists of summer reading choices for students at all grade levels. Over the summer, students are required to read at least two books which may be the reader's own choice or chosen from the Summer Reading Lists.



Please participate in the book selection process with your child to ensure that the book's theme, reading level, and content are age appropriate and respect your family's values and interests. In the fall, students are asked to return their summer reading record. In grades 5-8, students will engage in classroom activities with focus on their summer reading choices.

Thank you for supporting our summer reading initiative. We hope that you share our enthusiasm for the summer reading experience.

Copies of the summer reading lists and the reading record will be distributed with the year-end newsletter.

Happy Reading,  
The Summer Reading Committee  
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**Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body - Sir Richard Steele**