

St. Stephen School

To Love, To Inspire – To Achieve!

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Dear Parents,

To help our students enhance their reading skills, we are continuing our summer reading program.

Reading is the foundation of a successful education. Children improve this all-important ability by reading, reading, and reading some more. Yet in a recent survey, more than half of all students surveyed said they spent just four minutes a day reading at home. (They also reported spending two hours a day watching television.)

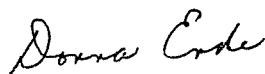
Research shows that kids who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines, and newspapers are more likely to become good readers and do better in school.

On our reading lists, books have been chosen to accommodate various interests and reading abilities, so every child should be able to read three books comfortably. If you misplace this list, you will find it in Barnes & Noble or on the Public Library website or on our school website. In the past, parents have voiced concerns about having to purchase so many books especially if there is more than one child in the school. To make this easier for all parents, the book lists are coded with where the books can be found. Many of them can be found at the library. The lists are also longer so that you can easily procure the books needed.

Students in grades K – 2 will follow the suggestions on their cover letters. Students going into grades 3 – 8 will be required to read 3 of the books listed on their sheet. They will need to complete a report on each book. Report forms are attached to your summer reading list, and more copies can be found on our website. These reports must be handed in by Sept. 13th. **THIS GRADE WILL COUNT AS A TEST GRADE, AND IT WILL BE AVERAGED INTO THE FIRST QUARTER MARK.**

Realizing what a benefit this program will be to our children, I hope we will all embrace this program with a positive attitude and spend many moments of enjoyable reading together.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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In an effort to offer stimulating reading to students of varying interests and abilities, some books that have an asterisk may contain some mature language even though the material is considered suitable for average seventh and eighth graders. These books have won awards on the Best Seller Lists for young adults.

As a parent, you are your child's primary educator. If you feel that a certain book is not appropriate for your child, please have your child read others that are on the list.

