



Dear BCS Families,

Summer provides a wonderful opportunity for students and families to enjoy great books together. The goal of the summer reading program is to foster a love of reading. Reading over the summer can also help students to maintain or even improve their reading skills. In order to meet the needs of each student's reading skills and interests, the Bethany Community School summer reading list contains a variety of genres and various reading levels. Students should be encouraged to read books that match their level of comprehension.

There is also a wide range of topics and themes that are represented in this summer reading lists. As always, parents play a critical role in helping their child to choose books that are best suited for them. Common Sense Media is an excellent resource for families to help them understand the nature of the content in the novels that their children are reading: commonsensemedia.org.

There are many ways to promote reading at home and we hope you refer to the Bethany Community School's website and follow the link for Summer Reading 2019, to gain some ideas and books suggestions. Our book suggestions will also be available at the Bethany and Woodbridge Public Libraries as well as local Barnes and Noble Book Stores. We encourage children to follow their interests, which may lead them to reading fantasy or realistic fiction stories, informational books about a favorite topic, or even magazines.

On the back of this letter, you will find a sample of book suggestions, more can be found on our school website. We have also attached the Summer Reading Journal; additional copies will be in the school office and on the school's website. Our students are being asked to use this journal to keep track of their reading. Please send the reading journal in with your child during the first week of school. Every student that returns their summer reading journal will be entered to win a prize in our reading raffle.

In place of a paper journal, you can also access our online journal to keep track as your child reads their books at:

<http://bit.ly/bcsreadinglog>

If you have any questions regarding summer reading, please contact us.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

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