Dear Parents:

Summer is an integral part of your child’s education. Therefore, each student is required to read two books during the summer.

Students should choose two books from the following list and write a summary about each book. The summary should include a brief description of the main characters, setting, and important events in the story which summarize the book. The review should be 3-4 paragraphs. An additional paragraph should be added stating the student’s opinion of the book, and why. Students should cite their favorite, or least favorite part of the book or other examples from the story to support their opinion.

Students should also choose a project to complete for one of the books, in addition to the book review.

* Create an original decorative cover.
* Draw or make a collage of important scenes from the book.
* Create an 8x10 sized postcard. Write to a character in the story suggesting a new way to solve the problem. The front should have a picture as a postcard would.

Jake and Lily-Jerry Spinelli
Esperanza Rising-Pam Munoz Ryan
Number the Stars-Lois Lowry
Bud, Not Buddy-Christopher Paul Curtis
Letters from Rifka-Karen Hesse
Holes-Louis Sachar
Because of Winn-Dixie-Kate DiCamillo
Mr. Popper’s Penguins-Richard and Florence Atwater
Maniac Magee-Jerry Spinelli
Cricket in Times Square-George Selden

Please discuss and share your child’s reading. If your child is experiencing difficulty with the summer reading, please read with him or her. This will give you the opportunity to spend time with your child. If you would like suggestions for additional reading, do not hesitate to ask for help at your library.

Sincerely,
Susan Dallas
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