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Dear Parents:

Summer is the perfect time for families to read for enjoyment. Your help is appreciated in making reading a part of your child's summer. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are receiving a list of suggestions for summer reading. You are asked to support the importance of reading over the summer and assist your child in selecting materials to read.

Students are encouraged to read the suggested number of books, which might include titles from the attached list as well as books that are their choice. There are many ways for children to develop the "reading for fun" habit over the summer. The list you are receiving is by no means exhaustive; however, it does include titles that have been recommended by students, teachers, and librarians around the country. Children are not required to read any of the suggested titles, with the exception of the advanced 6th grade. The intention of the list is to assist you with a starting point in the selection of reading material for your child.

Students who participate in Summer Reading should return their Reading Response Forms (attached to the book list) to their 2012/13 teacher by Friday, September 21, 2012 .

The public libraries have the reading lists for each grade level, and the reading lists will also be available on the school division's home page (www.henrico.k12.va.us). Although libraries may have copies of these titles, not all titles are housed in all libraries, and they will not be able to accommodate all requests.

Students are asked to read, at minimum, the following number of books:

Rising first grade:	6 books
Rising second and third grades:	4 - 6 books
Rising fourth and fifth grades:	3 - 4 books
Rising sixth grade:	2 books

We thank you for supporting our summer reading program. We anticipate that reading throughout the summer will broaden students' knowledge, sharpen their skills, and allow them to experience the pleasure of getting lost in a good book.

Sincerely,

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