

Danbury's 2019 Summer Reading  
*10 Book Challenge.*



Dear families of incoming 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>TH</sup> grade students,

Summer is a great time for children to practice reading and have fun at the same time. Reading provides students the opportunity to go on adventures and learn new information. Research shows that children improve their reading by reading often and a lot. Students who read over the summer maintain the skills they have been taught, as well as their reading levels.

To make this year's summer reading the best, we invite your child to participate in our new *10 Book Challenge*. In this challenge students are asked to read at least 10 books over the summer. They may select the books based on some categories listed on the following pages, choose a book that is already on your bookshelf, or read a book that makes him/her laugh out loud. They can EVEN create their own categories and add them to the list! The idea is to have fun and read, read, read!

It is best for children to read materials that are easy enough to read on their own, but also, ones they can understand by themselves. Children love series books. Encourage your child to read many books in a series, as it helps him/her become a stronger reader bringing back favorite characters, problems, or settings. Also encourage your child to read nonfiction or informational text, so they can learn about the world around them.

There are many fun ways to practice reading and encourage your child to participate in reading related activities. Here are some ideas:

- Set aside a special time and place every day for your child to read.
- Take your child to the library every week to choose new books.
- Sign your child up for activities at your local library.
- Read a chapter together with your child and talk about it.
- Organize a book club by having your child get together with friends to read and discuss the same books.

We also encourage families to visit our Danbury Public Library which has many free programs, hundreds of books, and state of the art technology to inspire readers of all ages. In addition, book lists are available online at: <http://www.nutmegaward.org/elementary>

All students are asked to keep a record of the book titles they read and return their lists to their teachers by Friday, September 6th. Schools will be highlighting students' successes with special events, competitions, and/or celebrations.

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