

Cascades Academy Lower School
Summer Reading and School Supplies for Fall 2018

Dear Lower School Families,

The end of the school year is upon us and as educators, we are constantly looking at ways to help students and their families with maintaining all the hard work and learning that has gone on during the school year throughout the summer. Below is a list of resources for you to review and determine how to best make summer learning fit into your family schedules. Instead of a structured book and reading assignment, please utilize the resources below as you see fit, with the goal being a summer filled with reading and family fun:

All Students, PK-5th Grade:

- Deschutes Public Library Summer Reading Program: Follow [this link](#) for more details.
- RAZ Kids Reading - Your child's RAZ Kids account will be active all summer. Log in as your students have been doing all year. Here is a quick [one-page summary](#) of the impacts of "summer slide" and the importance of encouraging reading with your students all summer long.
- The Association for Library Service to children's summer reading lists, organized by grade level can be found [here](#) should you need some reading recommendations over the summer.
- Help your child find "just right" books this summer through this simple finger method, detailed [here](#) on Scholastic's website.
- Keep a journal of summer adventures and travels to share with teachers and classmates in the fall.
- Math and phonics practice: Take your child(ren) to Barnes & Noble or any other bigger bookstore and have them pick out a workbook or two that interests them, or follow this link: [Summer Workbooks](#)

Incoming 3rd-5th Grade Students:

Pick one of the books you read this summer and think about the following questions:

- *What connections can you make to the book?*
- *Does it remind you of other books you've read?*
- *Has anything similar happened in your life?*
- *Pick a favorite part that you can share with friends when you come back to school in the fall.*

School Supplies

School supplies will be included in the fall fee package. This allows teachers the ability to procure those sometimes hard to find, "just right" supplies and to buy them in bulk at a significant savings. It will also mean that all supplies are here at school, labeled and ready to go on day one. Each student will still have the opportunity to show their personality and style through the purchase of an individual **backpack, water bottle, and lunch bag** which will not be part of the school supplies we provide here at school.

Have a great summer and as always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to [Natalie Wilhelm](#), Lower School Head.

Sincerely,
The Lower School Team