



Mandatory Summer Reading 2019

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! All students entering grades 1-8 are required to complete a **MANDATORY** summer reading assignment.

Please choose ONE of the following two options: (NO EXCEPTIONS)

(1) **Burbank Public Library Summer Reading Club**: This option is the one preferred by the teachers. The library club requires that the students read **5** books and turn in a book report for each book. After the 5 book reports are completed and turned in, the students receive a certificate. The library club meets weekly and provides different types of entertainment for the students. You must sign your child up to participate in the library program online at www.BurbankLibrary.com. **Sign-up now!** This year's club runs **June 3rd- July 12th** for grades 1st-6th, and the teen club runs same dates for grades 7th-8th. Please check with the Burbank library branches for the specific club meeting days and times. Go to **www.burbanklibrary.org**.

(2) **Reading Log**: Realizing that some students may not be able to attend the library summer reading club, this option is also available. Students must read **at least 5 appropriate, grade level books** and record them on the attached Summer Reading Log.

******* On the first day of school**, the students must turn in either the Burbank Public Library Summer Reading Club certificate **OR** the St. Finbar School Summer Reading Log. Your child's teacher will have a "follow up" assignment to go with the summer reading. This may be an essay about one of the books your child read, a brief oral report about one of the books, a required AR test for one of the books your child has read, or something of that nature. The assignment will be left up to each teacher's discretion.

As your child completes the summer reading assignment, please make sure to stress the value and the excitement of reading and going to the library. Try to make reading a pleasurable experience for your child--not a punishment or a horrible summer project.

For those students entering E5 or K, the reading assignment is not required. The teachers of those grades encourage your child to develop their love of reading by attending the "Family Shows" library program or by keeping a log of books that were read to him/her over the summer. You may register online at www.BurbankLibrary.org. Please check library for days and times available.

If you are looking for ideas for books for your children to read, the library has bookmarks and lists available by age and genre. Here are some websites that offer reading lists and recommendations:

www.arbookfind.com, www.readingrockets.com, www.readkiddoread.com, www.scholastic.com, and www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/ll/ap/litsearch.asp.

We wish you a wonderful summer, and we can't wait to see you again on **Wednesday, August 21st**.

Many blessings,
St. Finbar Faculty and Staff

