

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL *of* CHARLESTON

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Dear FBS Families,

As we close out another great school year, we want to ensure that all our valuable learning does not become a casualty to the “summer slide”. “If you don’t use it, you lose it!” Therefore, the teachers have worked hard to put together a meaningful, yet achievable, summer work packet. We know that doing school work over the summer is usually one of the last things students want to do, but we want to ensure that all the great material absorbed during the school year is retained and each student enters the new school year prepared. Research states that 2 months of reading skills and 2 ½ months of math skills are lost over a single summer. Please see the attached article for reference.

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

This is a staggering statistic which is preventable. By completing this work over the course of the summer along with being sure to engage in some type of intentional learning for 2-3 hours a week, can prevent the summer slide.

Family Read Aloud:

There are many benefits to reading aloud to your child. It builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. As award winning children’s novelist, Emile Buchwald, believes “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” Reading aloud to your child also helps reduce stress and sets children up for academic success. This summer we are encouraging families to choose a book and engage in a read aloud as a family. The students who participate in this wonderful family activity will be invited to an ice cream party in the new library the first week of school! Here is a Google Classroom page where families can share their books and you can find more information on the importance of this practice.

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzU0OTY3NDgzOTcw?cjc=copkyks>

Please complete this [google form](#) to show that you and your child have read through this information.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year.

Many Blessings,

Susan Brooks

First Baptist Summer Reading

Dear rising 5th grade students (and parents),

Reading is very important. Please read as much as you can this summer (above and beyond the requirement), and reap the many rewards of a reading life including improved vocabulary, understanding of others, and cultural knowledge. It really does make you smarter. Always put down a book you are not enjoying and try another!

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

Part I: Read two books you have not already read. You can choose from the below authors or choose books by another author. Remember to choose books that are fun and interesting to you!

Lois Lowry
Jerry Spinelli
Louis Sachar
Robert C. O'Brien
Gary Paulsen
Sharon Shinn
Ann Rinaldi
Anthony Horowitz
Jacqueline Woodson

Cynthia Voight
Kate DiCamillo
Robin McKinley
Shannon Hale
Roald Dahl
J. K. Rowling
Madeline L'Engle
Gary Schmidt
Karyn Parsons

Avi
Scott O'Dell
Elizabeth George Speare
Paul Curtis
Jason Reynolds
Pam Munoz Ryan
Sharon Draper
Kwame Alexander

Next, complete the following assignment for one of the books you read:

Novel Bag Presentation: Find an empty bag (grocery bag, lunch bag, etc.) You will fill the bag with five items related to your book in some way, write those items out on the index card, and then present your bag to the class. (A novel bag for *Frozen* might contain: gloves, a rock, a compass, carrots for Sven, and paper snowflakes). You will present your novel bags on the first Friday of the school year.

Part II: Read *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Then write a letter from a character. Compose a handwritten letter on notebook paper from any character in the book to anyone else. It can be to another character, a real person, a local newspaper, or anyone/anything you can think of. Your letter must be in the first person (use "I") and must include three details from the book. Remember, this will be my first impression of your writing and your school work in general, so do your best. Don't forget the signature! Letters are due on the first day of school.

We will discuss *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* the first week of school. This book will introduce us to the mystery genre, and we will spend the first quarter reading, writing, and solving mysteries!

If you have any questions, please email me at clarkb@fbschool.org. Happy reading!

-Mrs. Clark

*I highly recommend the website/app www.goodreads.com for keeping track of the books you've read as well as for book recommendations, trivia, lists, and more! Also, you can visit the Charleston library page to check out books. <https://www.ccpl.org/>

First Baptist Summer Math Requirement

Each student should complete the 5 IXL's listed below and the 5 other activities/worksheets. Your goal is to complete one activity per week. This should not be done all at once and should be spread out throughout the summer.

If you do not have an IXL account, please email Mrs. Brooks at brookss@fbschool.org

All new students will receive their account information once they are enrolled.

IXL Requirement: Each skill should be completed to 90% but the goal is 100%. If you struggle with this particular skill and spend more than 40 minutes in one sitting, stop and come back to it on another day. Be sure to read through the suggestions on IXL and if you are still struggling, look up a video to help you with the concept. Showme.com is a great site full of teacher created videos.

IXL Assignment (5th Grade iXLs)	Completion Date	Achievement Score	Difficulty- circle one
A.9- Even or odd: arithmetic rules			Easy, medium, hard
B.1- Add and subtract whole numbers up to billions			Easy, medium, hard
C.1- Multiply by 1-digit numbers			Easy, medium, hard
D.1- Division facts up to 12			Easy, medium, hard
O.1- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers			Easy, medium, hard

5 Math assignments/activities:

Click [here](#) for summer math sheets.