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Dear SFX Families,

Now that summer vacation is upon us, students will have lots of extra time to read some great books. In order to encourage reading, I have helped the 4th – 8th grade Language Arts teachers select required summer reading books for students entering those grades. You will find the list of required reading attached, as well as other book suggestions. *The most important thing is that our students continue to read!*

All students have been encouraged to participate in the reading programs offered at their local public libraries. A great place to begin these programs is by reading from the 2020 Readers' Choice Award lists. The Monarch (K-2nd), Bluestem (3rd – 5th) and Rebecca Caudill (6th – 8th) lists are attached to this email. **I've encouraged students to include their parents in the discussion about which books to read from these lists, as the reading levels and topics vary greatly.** Students will have the opportunity to participate in these programs again next school year and vote for their favorite book in the spring.

Parents often ask me for book recommendations for their children. The website Brightly (www.readbrightly.com) offers great articles about encouraging good reading habits, as well as book suggestions. I have also included a link to the Naperville Public Library, which has compiled several book recommendation lists to help you and your student find plenty of books to keep them reading all summer long. The web address is below.

<https://www.naperville-lib.org/materials/recommended-lists#>

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer vacation.

Sincerely,

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