

June 1, 2018

Dear Brown School Families,

Summer is just around the corner, a time for travel, relaxation, and **reading!** Children entering first through sixth grade will be asked to complete a summer reading assignment. Our teachers and school librarian have collaborated to select books and create a variety of projects that are differentiated for our students. The project should be based on a book from the suggested list. Your child's completed assignment is due to the child's teacher the first full week back to school.

We encourage students to explore different genres and authors and read at least thirty minutes a day. There will be only one assigned project, but we encourage students to select other books to read from the generated list or other appropriate books for their reading level.

Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. Numerous studies indicate that students who don't read or read infrequently during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. Let's make sure the only *summer slide* students go down this summer is at the playground. Take a trip to the local library, our school library, or a bookstore and make sure your child is engaged in reading this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Vitale".

Patti Vitale

Head of Brown School

Pax by Sara Pennypacker
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
The Land of Stories (series) by Chris Colfer
The Quest Begins: Seekers #1 by Erin Hunter
Time Twisters: Abraham Lincoln Pro Wrestler by Steve Sheinkin

4th Grade Nonfiction:

The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life by Sid Fleischman
Ancient Egypt (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides) by Ken Jennings, illustrated by Mike Lowery
Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Neal Layton
Grand Canyon by Jason Chin
Knots in My Yo-Yo String by Jerry Spinelli
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (Any of the 7 books in the series) - by Nathan Hale
Natural Disasters by Claire Watts and Trevor Day
What is the Declaration of Independence by Michael C. Harris
Where are the Great Pyramids by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler

5th Grade Fiction:

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead [Mrs. Wyngowski's Summer Reading Pick!]
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams Garcia
Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Lights, Camera, Middle School! (Babymouse Tales from the Locker #1) By Jennifer Holm
Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King
Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder
Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
Restart by Gordon Korman
Rules by Cynthia Lord
The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley
The War I Finally Won by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley

5th Grade Nonfiction:

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee. Stone
Anastasia's Album by Hugh Brester
Black Potatoes by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Exploring the Titanic by Robert Ballard
Music (Eyewitness) by Neil Ardley
The Microscope by Christine Petersen
The Planet Hunters by Dennis Brindell Fradin
Voyager's Greatest Hits: The Epic Trek to Interstellar Space by Alexandra Siy

Into
6th
grade

Book Report Project Ideas for All Grades

1. Make a diorama – showing your favorite scene from the story
2. Create a book jacket – different than the original
3. Design a t-shirt that represents a character, scene, or favorite part from the story
4. Write a “Who Am I?” riddle – create a list of 7-10 facts that describe a character
5. Create a word cloud collage – using words and phrases to describe the story
6. Make a movie poster – pretend your book is going to be made into a movie
7. Write the author a letter – explaining why you liked or disliked the book
8. Illustrate and design a comic strip
9. Recipe/ food item – cook a food featured in your book or create a recipe for a food
10. Make a hanging mobile – create your favorite scene
11. Create a timeline – include the important topics
12. Create a magazine ad for the book
13. Make a board game
14. Put together a slideshow presentation on the computer
15. Write a letter to a friend informing them why they should read the book
16. Make a bookmark illustrating your favorite chapter or character
17. Create a wordsearch – use vocabulary words in the book
18. Write a song – about a part of the story; you may use a familiar tune to create your song
19. Make a memory game – use index card with vocabulary words
20. Outline your favorite chapter
21. Brochure – create a brochure that describes a variety of story elements
22. Write a poem
23. Book Review – use a provided template or create your own to write a review of the story

*Some project ideas may not be appropriate for all levels.

Theme

A Connection I Made
(Book, Self, or World)

Something I Wish Could Be Different

Why

My Favorite Part (Illustration)



Recommendation

