

Title of assigned book: The Night Before First Grade by Natasha Wing

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. Each outgoing classroom teacher has collaborated with the incoming classroom teacher to select a book for the entire class to read. This will allow for a shared dialogue of conversation to occur during the first week of school, revolving around the book's plot and message. In the event that this text is challenging for your child to read, we encourage you to read together and also to find an audio version.

We ask that each student draw a picture of their favorite character or what they liked best about the story. Your child's completed assignment is due to their new classroom teacher the first full week back to school.

We encourage students to read for at least thirty minutes a day. There will be only one assigned book, however, we encourage students to select other books to explore different genres and authors.

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,

Patti Vitale
Head of Brown School

Entering First Grade
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