

# Dogwood PTA Summer Reading Program 2010

Once again the Dogwood PTA is sponsoring a summer reading program for students who will be entering grades 1-5 in August. The administration and faculty at Dogwood join the PTA in **strongly encouraging** all students to participate in this program. We want our students to experience the joy of reading, but also want to be sure that they maintain their reading skills over the summer so that when they come back to school in August they are ready to go.

Here's how it works... On the back of this sheet you will find a form to use to record the books that your child reads over the summer. We suggest that you hang it on the refrigerator or a bulletin board or wherever else it will be visible. Hopefully, it will be a reminder to you and your child to read throughout the summer, as an added bonus you will know where it is when it is time to hand it in. You will notice at the top of the form it asks for name, grade and home room teacher, **PLEASE INCLUDE BOTH FIRST AND LAST NAME AND YOUR CHILD'S GRADE AND TEACHER IN AUGUST**. It will help us out tremendously if you make sure that the name is printed clearly.

**The program requires that your child read at least five (5) books currently on the Dogwood AR list plus a minimum of three (3) other books of his/her choosing for a total of eight (8) books.** These books should be from your child's current reading level range (found in his/her AR folder) or higher. Of course, your child is encouraged to read more, and we'd love to see how many books they can read, so if you run out of room on this form, you can attach additional sheets. For the younger children, you may certainly help your child, but please try to choose books that allow your child to do the majority of the reading. We suggest that you have your child read the AR books near the end of the summer so the story is fresh and he/she is ready to take the AR tests when school starts.

The three "other" books can be any books you or your child choose - fiction or non-fiction, but they should be appropriate for your child's ability. If you need help finding books to read, there are many website available that provide lists of recommended books, some of which are separate by grade level. You may also use the dogwood AR (Accelerated Reading) lists, accessible from the Dogwood website or at the Germantown library, for suggestions.

When schools starts again in August, please turn in the completed form to your child's home room teacher. We would like to have all forms turned in by **August 20**. Students who successfully complete the program will be rewarded with a special party and treat.

## **Enjoy your summer and happy reading!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Grade (in Aug 2010) \_\_\_\_\_

Home room teacher (in Aug 2010) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ (verifying that the books listed below have been read by your child over the summer)

Title	Author
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____
6) _____	_____
7) _____	_____
8) _____	_____
9) _____	_____
10) _____	_____
11) _____	_____
12) _____	_____
13) _____	_____
14) _____	_____
15) _____	_____
16) _____	_____
17) _____	_____
18) _____	_____
19) _____	_____
20) _____	_____

If your books count as two books, enter the title and author on two lines.

For reading levels below 3.0: books with over 100 pages count as 2 books.

For reading levels above 3.0: books with 300-299 pages count as 2 books.

Books with 600+ pages count as 3 books.

Attach additional pages as needed.