Get carried away in a good book!
Summer Reading 2018

Here are the basics:

- We ask that students read or are read to for ten hours (or more) this summer.
- Record the time spent reading and favorite titles on the log attached.
- **Return the log to your teacher in the fall!!** We want to show how much lower school students read over the summer with a display in the library! You can even make your own log or add more hours and titles to this one.
- Don't know what to read? Use the ideas attached as a starting point. (Students are not required to read titles from this list.)

Happy Reading! Mrs. Arner and Ms. Oeth

Summer Reading Ideas for Students Entering Kindergarten

Animal Stories

- Big chickens by Leslie Helakoski – Four chickens are rather easily frightened; will they conquer their fears? Big chickens fly the coop and Big chickens go to town are also by Leslie Helakoski.

- Horrible Bear by Ame Dyckman – When a little girl's kite breaks, she blames the "horrible bear," who doesn't think he's horrible. But since she called him "horrible", he prepares to live up to his name.

- Alfie: The turtle that disappeared by Thyra Heder – Alfie has never done much, until one day when he disappears on a quest to find his owner the perfect birthday gift.

Dinosaurs

- Chalk by Bill Thomson – Amazing pictures will captivate you in this wordless book.

- How do dinosaurs say goodnight? (and others) by Jane Yolen – Incredibly versatile author writes for kids of all ages.

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales, and Updated Classic Tales

- Interrupting chicken by David Ezra Stein - Hilarious story about a chicken and her bedtime stories!

- Princess and the pony by Kate Beaton – Pinecone is sick of getting cozy sweaters for her birthday. So she asks for a horse, but gets a chubby pony who farts.

- The three bears ABC by Grace Maccarone – An alphabetical retelling of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Just for Fun

- How to find an elephant by Kate Banks – Grab some binoculars, a blanket, a flute, some imagination, and a whole lot of curiosity. Ready? Come join the elephant hunt.

- Not a box by Antoinette Portis - The best toy in the world finally gets its due!

- Not quite narwhal by Jessica Sima – Kelp can't decide if he is a sea unicorn or a land narwhal? A touching story about being different.

Pet Stories

- Move over, Rover by Karen Beaumont - A steady stream of animals tries to take shelter in the doghouse!

- When Tiny was tiny by Cari Meister- Great series about a large dog named Tiny.

- Who wants broccoli? by Val Jones – Broccoli is a large dog who loves attention. Will he ever find a family and a new home away from the animal shelter?

Super Science Books

- Animals upside down: A pull, pop, lift, and learn book by Steven Jenkins - A unique pop-up book all about the how and why of upside down animal behavior.

- Coyote Moon by Maria Gianferrari – Stunning pictures and almost poetic text tell the story of a coyote mother on the hunt to find food for her hungry pups.

- What if you had animal teeth? by Sandra Markle - If you could have any animal's front teeth which would you choose? Also look for What if you had animal hair?
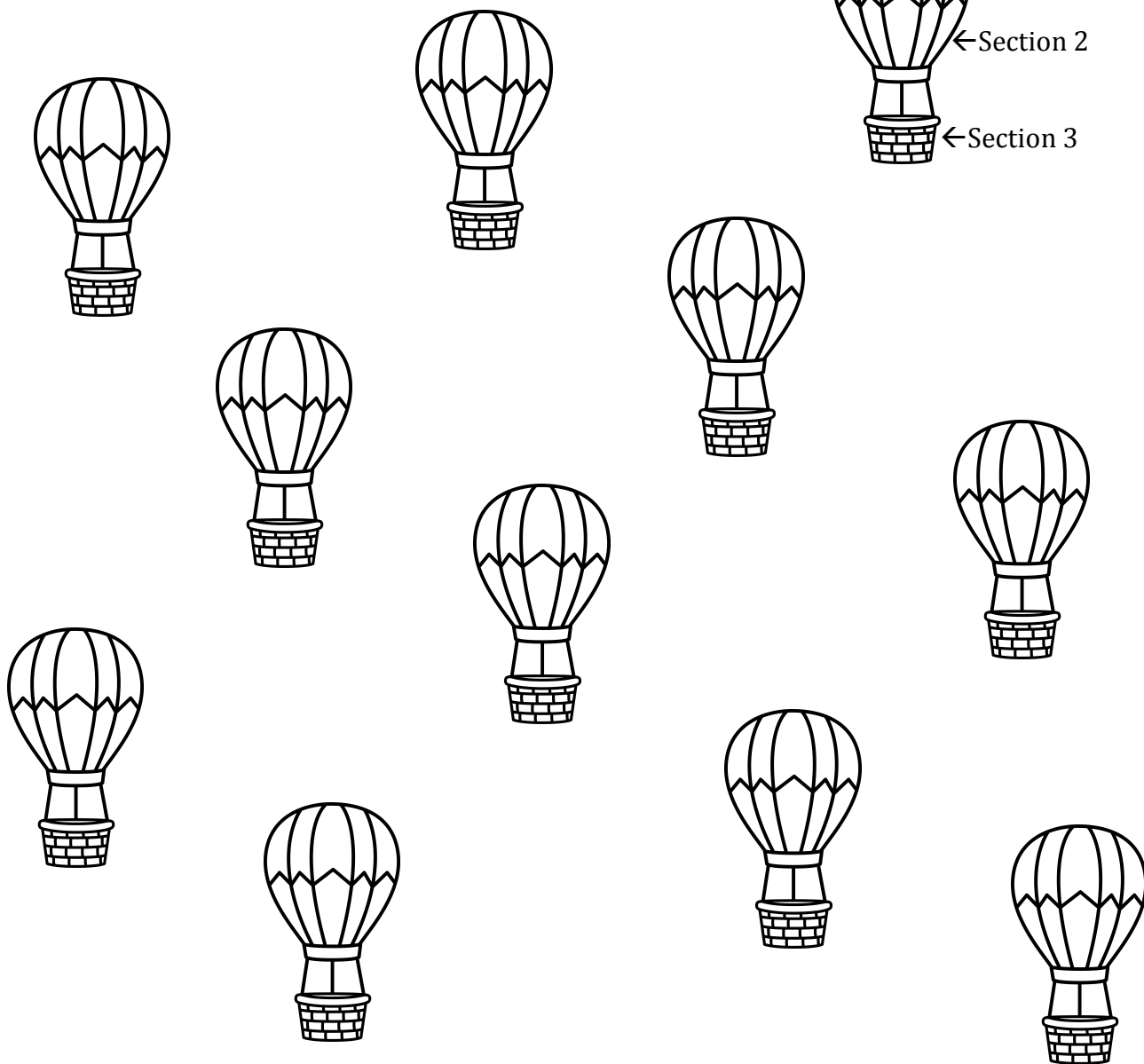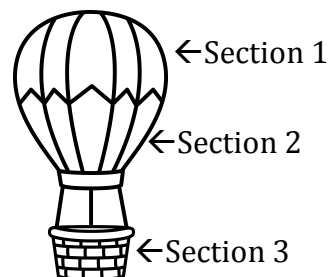
Read Aloud Chapter Books

- My father's dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett – A young boy sets off to rescue a dragon who is being used to ferry animals across the river on Wild Island.

- Toys go out by Emily Jenkins – The first book in a trilogy about the adventures of toys who are best friends.

- Chocolate touch by Patrick S. Catling – John Midas acquires a magical gift to turn everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Columbus Academy Summer Reading Log 2018

Keep track of your reading by coloring sections of the hot air balloons. Each of the three sections (top, bottom, and basket) represents 20 minutes of reading. A completed balloon represents one hour. Need more balloons? Draw your own!

Name _____

←Section 1

←Section 2

←Section 3

Please return this log in the fall!

My Favorite Titles

(Choose some of your favorite titles from the summer and write them here.)

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