

# Read, Relax, Repeat!

## Columbus Academy Summer Reading 2017



The nitty gritty:

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

Summer reading ideas for rising fourth graders:

Do you like fantasy or science fiction?

- Aliens ate my homework by Bruce Coville. Rod can't believe it when an alien spaceship flies in his window. The aliens want to catch a criminal who is posing as the class bully. Can they pull it off? Bruce Coville is a great writer to follow!
- Pip Bartlett's guide to magical creatures by Maggie Stiefvater. If you like magical creatures, then this book is for you! Even better, Pip can talk to them. All is going well until the Fuzzles begin bursting into flames...can Pip figure out why?
- Upside down magic by Sarah Mlynowski and others. In a world where most folks are magical, Nora's problem is that her magic goes wonky or "upside down." Why can't she turn into a kitten like the other kids? Why is she a bat/kitten (a bitten) or a dragon kitten (a dritten) all the time?!
- Voyagers series by various authors. Like 39 clues, a different author writes each book. The Earth is running out of fossil fuel! A huge competition is on to choose four kids for Project Alpha—the mission that might find a solution. Who gets chosen? Will they find a solution?
- Floors series by Patrick Carman. Join Leo, the janitor's son, in the wacky Whippet hotel. There are ducks everywhere! With secret rooms, mazes and a couple of mad guests, this is a fun fantasy/mystery series.

How about a mystery?

- The Sherlock files: the 100-year-old secret by Tracy Barrett. American twins Xena and Xander are descendants of Sherlock Holmes. Can they solve a mystery that Sherlock couldn't?
- Capture the flag by Kate Messner. When three kids are snowed in at the Washington, D.C. airport, they hear reports that the original Star Spangled Banner has been stolen. What if the thief is snowed in at the airport, too? Can they find the flag before it's too late?
- Woof: a Bowser and Birdie novel by Spencer Quinn. Bowser is a rescue dog who is completely devoted to Birdie. Bowser arrives just in time to help Birdie figure out why a stuffed marlin named Black Jack got stolen. Did he really have a treasure map inside?

Do you like non-fiction?

- 101 animal records by Melvin Berger. This is part of a series (101 animal...) and is filled with great pictures and facts. Try 101 animal super powers too.
- National Geographic Kids Everything series. These wonderfully illustrated and interesting books cover castles, dinosaurs, money, pets, and much more!

Do you like reading about kids your own age?

- Terrible two by Mac Barnett and others. Meet Miles and Niles, two geeky guys who have a knack for hilarious pranks. Their honor code prevents them from doing any damage and great illustrations complete a great book. There is a sequel!
- No talking by Andrew Clements. Meet some really talkative and competitive fifth graders! After reading about someone who practices silence for a day a week, one of the boys tries it. Soon, it's a full-fledged competition between the boys and the girls to not talk. Who will win?

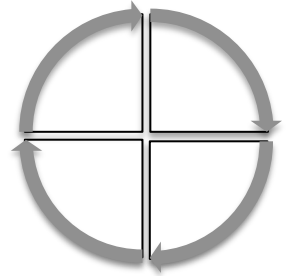
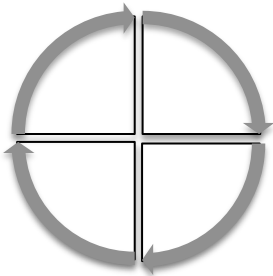
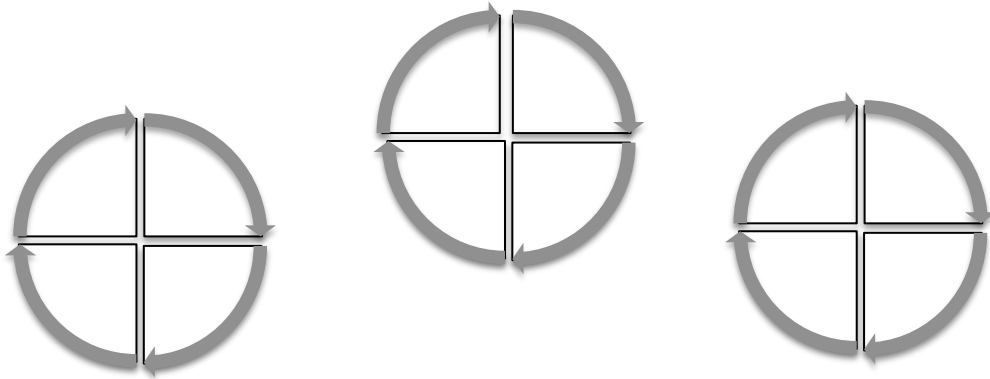
Are you an animal person?

- Lucky dog: Twelve tales of rescued dogs by various authors. This is a collection of short stories by a variety of children's authors about dogs and the homes they find.
- The Sasquatch escape by Suzanne Selfors. When Ben visits his grandfather, he realizes that there are special creatures in the little town. When the Sasquatch escapes, Ben and his friends must help recapture it! This is part of the *Imaginary Veterinary* series.

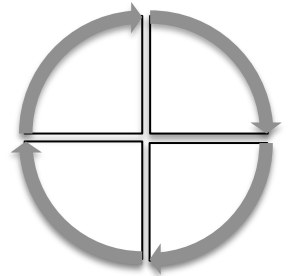
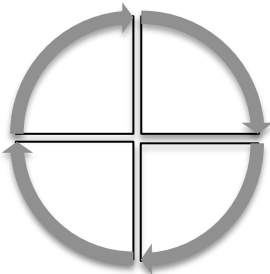
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Shade in each wedge for every fifteen minutes you read.  
A fully shaded circle equals one hour of reading.

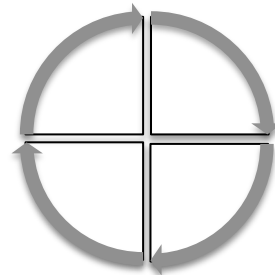
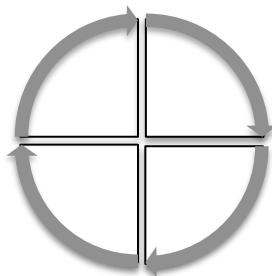
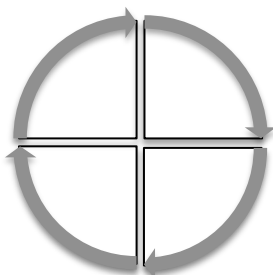
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Additional logs can be found at  
[www.columbusacademy.org/parents](http://www.columbusacademy.org/parents)



# My Favorite Titles

(Write some of your favorite titles from the summer here.)

**Title**

**Author**