

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 fifth graders:

Do you like fantasy or science fiction?

- Boy X by Dan Smith. Talk about suspense! Alex wakes up in a hospital and has no idea where he is. He teams up with a local girl Isabel; they are trying to find Alex's mom and Isabel's dad. Turns out, the parents have a virus—part of an evil plot—and Alex and Isabel have 24 hours to save them, Tick, tock...
- The hero's guide to saving the kingdom by Christopher Healy. If you liked Land of Stories, then give this a try. Four princes (no, they are not all really called Prince Charming) team up to rescue a runaway Cinderella. Be ready for plot twists and some zany characters! This is a series.
- First Last Day by Dorian Cirrone. When Haleigh makes a wish that summer will never end and paints a picture of the day with some magical paints, she gets her wish. Don't forget the old saying, "Be careful what you wish for." This would be great for fans of Eleven birthdays and A year without Autumn.
- Familiars by Adam Epstein. In this world, wizards have animal companions called familiars. When an ordinary cat gets chosen as a familiar, he thinks he's got it made. All that changes when his wizard and two others are kidnapped, with only their familiars to rescue them. This is a series.
- The lost property office by James Hannibal. Do you have a knack for finding things? Jack is known as a tracker—he can find things, special things, things that have been lost for forever kind of things. Jack's father is a tracker as well and has been kidnapped -- can Jack help before it's too late? Book 2 will be out this fall.

How about a mystery?

- Metropolitans by Carol Goodman. Set in World War II, with a heavy dose of King Arthur legend, this book would be great for any history fan. Four kids try to break a code hidden in a King Arthur manuscript. The code is key to preventing a Nazi attack on New York City. This is filled with action!
- Bad magic by Pseudonymous Bosch. Bad magic is the first book of a new series by this famous author. Now, the topic is magic. Clay can't stand magic—it has ruined his family. When words in his private journal appear letter for letter as graffiti, he begins to wonder if he can ignore magic anymore.
- Who could that be at this hour? by Lemony Snicket. A teen-aged Lemony Snicket tells us about his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson. Together they travel to a small, interesting town to investigate a priceless heirloom that's gone missing. Not surprisingly, Snicket is much more effective at solving mysteries than Markson—after all he asks the right questions! This is the first of a series.

Do you like reading about kids your own age?

- Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres. Estefania (Stef) would love a little more independence from her parents. She would also love to ditch the nickname Taco Queen that she has because her parents own a taco truck. When new regulations threaten the taco truck, Stef has to find the confidence to defend it.
- Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Julia is short for her age. When her mom signs her up for drama camp in the summer, she gets cast as a munchkin in the Wizard of Oz. Julia doesn't think of herself as an actress; this will be a summer for lots of growth, even if it isn't on the outside.

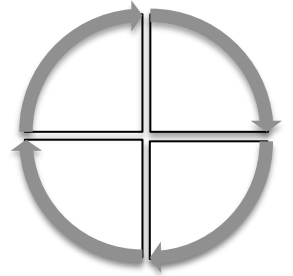
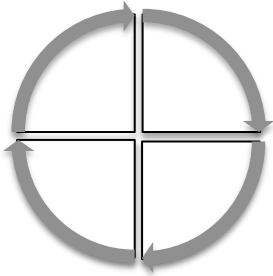
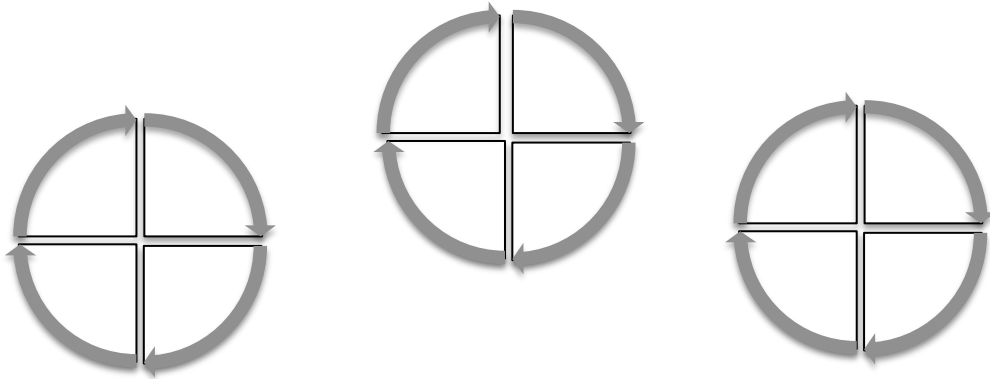
Are you an animal person?

- Cracker: the best dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata. Be careful—dog books can be suspenseful at times and this is no exception. Cracker sniffs out bombs and booby traps in Vietnam and whole platoons depend on her. She is a big deal! Things get scary when Cracker and her handler get separated.
- The true blue scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt. This tall tale is told largely from the viewpoint of two raccoon scouts who watch for happenings in the swamp. They must decide if they should alert the real Sugar Man—waking a huge creature from his sleep is risky! There are a few human good guys and bad guys too!

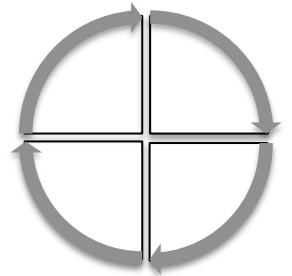
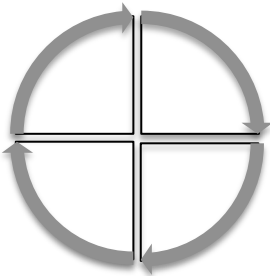
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Shade in each wedge for every fifteen minutes you read.
A fully shaded circle equals one hour of reading.

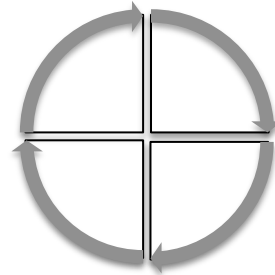
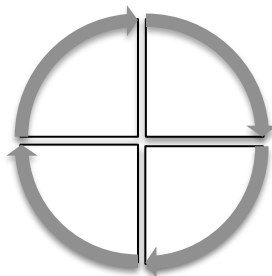
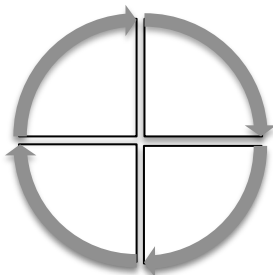
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Return this log to your
teacher in the fall!
We want to show how many hours
lower school students read over the
summer so we'll need them!



Additional logs can be found at
www.columbusacademy.org/parents



My Favorite Titles

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

Title

Author

