

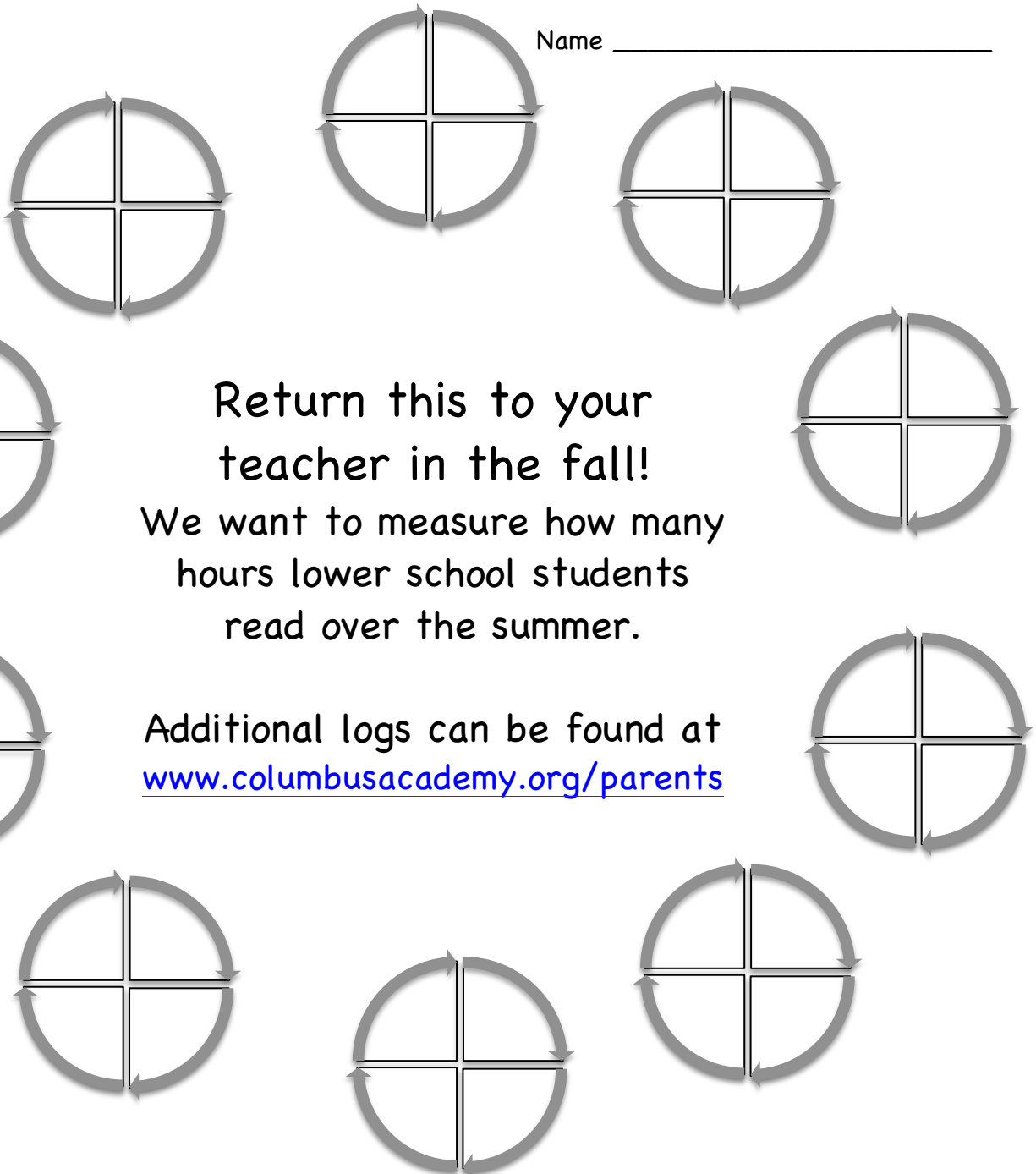
Read, Relax, Repeat!

Columbus Academy Summer Reading Students entering Kindergarten



- Read to your child for ten hours (or more!) over the summer.
- As you read, have your child color in one small wedge (below) for every fifteen minutes. (Each full figure equals one hour.)
- Record the titles of your favorite books on the back of this page.
- Return this log on the first day of school! We will use the logs for an activity to show how much the Lower School read this summer.
- Don't know what to read? Use the attached list of suggestions as a starting point.

Name _____



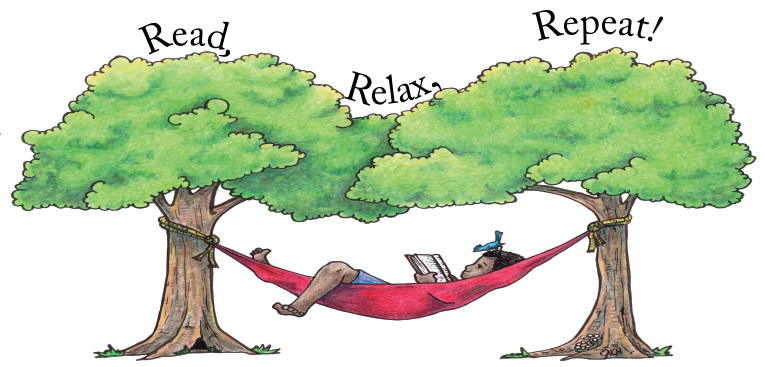
Return this to your
teacher in the fall!

We want to measure how many
hours lower school students
read over the summer.

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

Summer Reading 2017

Suggestions for students entering Kindergarten



ABC, Color and Counting Books

- What Comes in 2s, 3s, & 4s? by Suzanne Aker - Learn about set number concept while looking at pictures of everyday objects. For fun, do a scavenger hunt for other number sets.
- Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham – Mayhem breaks out when Moose learns that a mouse is being used on the “m” page.

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 also by Leslie Helakoski.
- Froggy series by Jonathan London - Text begs for good sound effects.
- 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.
- I don’t want to be a frog by Dev Petty - A silly story with an important message about being yourself.

Predictable books and stories with a pattern or rhyme

- My truck is stuck (plus others) by Kevin Lewis - A truck is stuck in a huge pothole; who will come along to help?
- Oh, no! by Candace Fleming - Young ones will love to join in the chorus of “Oh, no!”

Dinosaurs

- Chalk by Bill Thomson - Amazing pictures will captivate you in this wordless book.
- Dad and the Dinosaur by Gennifer Choldenko – Nicholas only knows how to be brave when he has his toy dinosaur, but loses it at a soccer game. His dad is there to help him face his fears.
- 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 the smallest warrior and she is sick of getting cozy sweaters for her birthday. So she asks for a horse, but instead gets a chubby pony who farts. Will these two ever be ready for battle?
- The three bears ABC by Grace Maccarone – An alphabetical retelling of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Just for Fun

- Not a box by Antoinette Portis - The best toy in the world (a box) finally gets its due! Try Not a stick also by Antoinette Portis.
- Not quite narwhal by Jessica Sima – Kelp always thought he was a narwhal. One day he discovers he is a unicorn. Does that make him a sea unicorn or a land narwhal? A touching story about being different.
- Shark vs. train by Chris Barton - Which toy is better—the shark or the train?
- The adventures of Otto series by David Milgrim – This fun series is perfect for pre-readers. Each book combines simple words and silly stories.

Pet Stories

- Buddy and Earl by Maureen Fergus – A dog and a hedgehog build a friendship and banish boredom using their imaginations.
- Move over, Rover by Karen Beaumont - A steady stream of animals tries to take shelter in the doghouse!
- Stay by Alex Latimer – Ben leaves his dog Buster with his Grandpa when his family goes on vacation. But, does he remember to tell him everything he should know to take care of Buster?
- When Tiny was tiny by Cari Meister- Great series about a large dog named Tiny. Perfect for the beginning reader.
- 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 animals 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.