



The Alfred & Adele
Davis Academy

Summer Reading 2018

For students going into 4th – 5th grades
Please note the Required Reading information below

Dear Parents,

The joy of reading is one of the most valuable gifts you can give your child. While some may consider that a trite and cliché statement, it is a sentiment that has been backed by decades of research. Summer reading is a fun activity for kids that develops the love of reading in a no-pressure atmosphere. We hope that parents will encourage their kids to read all summer long. Setting a specific time and designating a reading space in your home for daily reading helps kids appreciate the joy of reading. Taking a trip to your public library can be a rewarding experience for your child and help encourage students to read during the summer months.

This summer, we wanted to focus on the reader as a world traveler, while also giving a nod to the fun and sense of community around our igloo construction in our Media Center. We all know that reading opens your mind to possibilities, experiences, and different perspectives. For our summer reading this year, we we have created a Davis Summer Reading Passport that takes your reader from Nome to Anchorage on an Iditarod-themed adventure. This is an **optional** activity that we hope will enhance your child's summer reading experience. The Passport contains individual pages highlighting various genres. As your child reads this summer, please record the books under the appropriate genre in his/her passport. When your child completes a section, you can "stamp" that Passport page with one of the accompanying stickers.

Please return the Passport to the Lower School Media Center on or before Wednesday, August 15th (the third day of school) in order for your child to participate in the Summer Reading "Idita-Read-Alotta Books This Summer" Party, which will take place the following day. **Please make a note on the inside front cover of your child's Passport if your child has food allergies.**

Additionally, if your child wants his/her name to be on our "Idita-read Alotta Books This Summer" Board, he/she must record a total of 1200 reading minutes this summer on the sheets provided inside the passport.

Davis Academy students in Grades 1-5 have **Required Reading** that must be completed prior to the start of the school year. Please see the attached list for both the required reading assignments, as well as optional reading suggestions to help your child complete the summer reading activity.

For additional enjoyable activities and tips to encourage summer reading, you are welcome to access Tumblebooks and Teachingbooks.net from The Davis Academy website. Simply go to the Media Center page for the Lower School, scroll down, and you will find several great sites to enhance your child's reading experience. If there are any questions regarding the summer reading program, please contact Mrs. Osborne at josborne@davisacademy.org or Mrs. Brown at sbrown@davisacademy.org.

Happy Reading!