

Dear Families,

Summer is almost here! It's time to kick back, relax, and get some outdoor time. During the slow days of summer, it's still important for children to **read regularly**. Research shows that frequent reading reduces the "summer slide," when children lose some the reading gains from the previous school year. To keep this to a minimum, TCCS has summer reading requirements for all students entering grades 1-8.

Below is the **summer reading assignment for students entering grade 4**. (This is also available on the TCCS website).

1. **Fiction:** All 4th grade students must read **two** books over the summer. We recommend you read one in July and one in August. Choose books that are either on-level, one letter up, or down from your June assessed reading level. For example: If you're level P, you can pick an O, P or Q book. The TCCS website's Summer Reading page has links to leveled book lists.
2. **Reading response:** For each book, complete the **2-sided** reading response template, which can be downloaded and printed from the link on the Summer reading page on the TCCS website www.tccsnj.org.
3. **Nonfiction:** Students are required to read at least **four (4) Achieve3000** articles and complete the Activity questions **for each**. They must complete the **Thought question for two** of those articles. Usernames and passwords below.

Reading responses are **due on the FIRST day of class** in September. They will be the students' first grade of the year, along with Achieve 3000 completion.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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3rd/4th grade reading teacher

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3. Answer these questions:

What is the most important character trait that describes the main character? Explain why.

Based on the character traits you listed in the character trait chart above, explain why the character acted the way he/she did in the story.

4. Answer ONE of the two questions below.

How did the main character's traits affect the other characters in the story?

OR

How did the character change from the beginning of the story to the end?

Please complete both pages (all four questions) for EACH book.