

June 2020

Summer Learning for Incoming 3rd through 5th Graders

Dear NCA Families,

Summer is underway! NCA wants you to enjoy every moment of summer with your children; especially after such a very different end to our school year. We also want to be sure that reading and math skills are maintained or continue to develop over the summer.

This summer we would like for NCA students going into 2nd through 5th grades to

- read a **variety of literature** they can read independently for **20-30 minutes each day**.
 - On our website, we have provided a recommended reading list. This list is NOT mandatory, it is only there as a help to you.
- choose books they will **enjoy reading**.
 - 3rd through 5th graders should read mostly chapter books.
- spend some time reading aloud to someone, if possible.
 - Older children reading to younger siblings is a great way to practice reading.
- Tell someone about the book that they are reading.

The information below can show you why this reading time is important:

Anderson, Wilson, and Fielding (1988) led one of the most extensive studies of independent reading in which they investigated the relationship of reading time to reading achievement. The study found that the amount of time students spent reading independently was the best predictor of vocabulary development and reading achievement gains. (Center for the Collaborative Classroom)

We also suggest that you help your child to **practice math concepts and skills** that were introduced this year. **Time spent on memorizing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts is always time invested well.**

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). We look forward to being with you in August!

NCA Elementary Teachers