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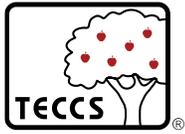
With this research in mind, TECCS is requiring **5th grade** students to read **one** fiction book and to write a book report about it. Your child may choose a book from the recommended list on our website or any other book that is school appropriate and on or near their reading level. Please take a look at your child's report card to see their reading level and help them pick an appropriate book. Please don't become overly concerned with your child's reading level. Every student progresses differently. Many parents feel that they should challenge their child to read above his/her reading level to make them a stronger reader. Research shows that having a child read a book that is at the "frustration level" may actually stunt the reader's growth. Your child will benefit more from reading **many** books that are "just right" for them.

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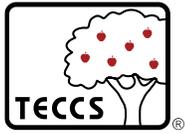
With this research in mind, TECCS is requiring **6th grade** students to read **one fiction** book and **one nonfiction** book and to write a book report about each. Your child may choose books from the recommended list on the TECCS website or any other book that is school appropriate and on or near their reading level. Please take a look at your child's report card to see their reading level and help them pick appropriate books. Don't become overly concerned with your child's reading level. Every student progresses differently. Many parents feel that they should challenge their child to read above their reading level to make them a stronger reader. Research shows that having a child read a book that is at the "frustration level" may actually stunt the reader's growth. Your child will benefit more from reading many books that are "just right" for them.

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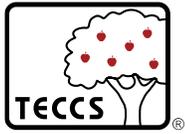
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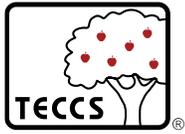
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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Estimadas familias de TECCS,

¿Sabía usted que un estudiante de primaria tiene una pérdida significativa de aprendizaje cuando no participan en actividades educativas durante el verano? De hecho, los estudios muestran que los estudiantes obtienen mejores calificaciones en los exámenes estandarizados antes del verano comparado a lo que hacen en el otoño. Como consecuencia, los profesores pasan un promedio de 4 a 6 semanas de re-enseñanza de información que los estudiantes han olvidado durante el verano.

¿Cómo podemos prevenir esto durante el verano? Los niños pueden mantener las habilidades de lectura simplemente leer durante todo el verano. Un estudiante sólo tiene que leer 4-5 libros durante el verano para evitar una caída en la lectura. Es por esto que estamos proporcionando una lista de libros recomendados para su hijo a leer. (Brighthouseeducation.com)

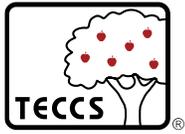
Como una nueva iniciativa de TECCS, estamos requiriendo que todos los estudiantes de 5to grado lea un libro de ficción y escribir un informe de un libro sobre el tema. Su hijo puede elegir un libro de la lista recomendada o cualquier otro libro que es apropiado de la escuela; en o cerca de su nivel de lectura. Por favor miren el reporte de calificaciones de su hijo/a para ver su nivel de lectura y ayudarlos a escoger un libro apropiado. Por favor, no se preocupe por el nivel de lectura de su hijo. Cada estudiante progresa de manera diferente. Muchos padres sienten que su hijo/a deben leer a un nivel de lectura para que sean un lector más fuerte. Los estudios muestra que tener que leer un libro que está en el "nivel de frustración" en realidad puede parar el crecimiento del lector. Su niño/a beneficiará más de la lectura de muchos libros que son "justo" para ellos.

Asignación: Cada estudiante debe leer al menos **un** libro de ficción. Deben llenar el esquema adjuntado, y luego escribir un reporte del libro basado en el esquema. Todos los informes deben ser entregado a la Sra. Cerbo en el primer día de clases. Esto cuenta como la primera nota del examen de la año escolar.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con la señora Bergamini o conmigo.

Que tengan un verano maravilloso!

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