

## Dear Parents,

Did you know that children who don't spend time reading over the summer can lose up to two months of what they learned while in school? On the other hand, children who participate in summer reading programs perform significantly better in school and are more likely to read at or above their grade level.

With this in mind, Beacon Hill Classical Academy has adopted a mandatory summer reading program for incoming 1st through 5th grade students. Please help your child this summer by encouraging them to read every day for at least 20 minutes. Students who read every day for 20 minutes over the summer will have read for over 1,500 minutes during their entire summer! Have your child use the attached sheet to record their reading minutes. As a fun change of pace, you may also use the reading bingo sheet.

Students should return their reading logs to classroom teachers in the fall. Each child who participates will receive recognition in a September chapel. Top readers from each grade will receive an award and a prize!

Click this <u>link</u> for grade-level appropriate books that have been provided for your reference. Although, this is just a starting point. Let your child choose books that they find interesting. Choice encourages ownership and leads to an intrinsic motivation for reading, and oftentimes serves as a springboard for meaningful conversations.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading.



