

2017 Summer Reading Program



May 15-
August 25

Congratulations
to
1st Place Logo
Contest Winner -
Katy Ho,
Northwoods
Middle School,
7th Grade

Dear CCSD Student,

Summer is quickly approaching and everyone is making plans. Get excited to make plans for vacations, summer camps, and spending quality time with your family. But, don't forget to make plans for reading! This summer Charleston County School District students are strongly recommended to participate in the **Build a Better World** program celebrating the creativity and hope that young people have.

The purpose of **Build a Better World** is to encourage students to read recreationally over the summer to prevent reading loss and boost student achievement. Research has consistently documented the importance of summer reading. Students who read recreationally during the summer have success when the new school year begins. Studies show that students who do not read during the summer show a significant loss over the summer break.

CCSD Students' Summer Reading To Do List:

- 1) Keep a log of the books read on the attached form starting May 15, 2017. Make sure you include the **number of pages** for each book read and give feedback about the book read. You can find more forms at www.ccsdschools.com or your school's website.
- 2) Turn in your reading log to your fall 2017 teacher by Friday, August 25, 2017.

NOTE: In order to promote the connection between school and our public library system, the **Build a Better World** program is coordinating with the Charleston County Public Library summer reading program to encourage students to participate in both. Students can turn in a copy of their reading log to the public library and win prizes for hours read. Charleston County Public Library summer reading program information can be found at <http://www.ccpl.org>. **Each page read equals a minute read.** Summer reading participants may read magazines (the pages should contain at least 50% text), newspapers, as well as online reading.

Charleston County School District's summer reading program is enhanced with our numerous e-books in MyON at <https://www.myon.com> and MackinVia at <https://mackinvia.com>. Both of these also have free apps that can be added to your phone or tablet. Your school's teacher librarian has the password information.

Suggested summer reading lists can be found on your school's website or will be sent home with summer reading information. We believe student choice in reading materials is important!

We can't wait to hear about all of the AWESOME books you have read this summer.

Be prepared to share this information with your teacher when you return to school.