



HOM 2019 Summer Reading Bingo

Dear Head O'Meadow Families,

Summer break is almost here. The children have worked hard all year to grow as readers. As families, you have played an important part in your student's success. With summer comes opportunities for relaxing, exploring and connecting with family and friends. Summer should also be a time for children to keep their reading skills sharp.

Research shows that students who read over the summer maintain or gain reading skills, while those who do not read over the summer months lose up to two months of skills. It is recommended that children ages 5-10 read or be read to at least 20 minutes a day, every day, over the summer.

In an effort to engage students in reading, and to help maintain students' literacy skills this summer, Head O' Meadow School is providing a Summer Bingo Challenge for all students entering grades 1-4. Here is how it works:

- Have your student select an activity on the attached Bingo sheet (Two sheets have been provided, one for July and one for August).
- Most activities are reading activities, but some are listening and speaking activities.
- After an activity is completed, cross off the activity.
- At the end of the summer, sign and return both Bingo sheets the first week of school; MONDAY, AUGUST 26-FRIDAY AUGUST 30, 2019. All Bingo sheets are due by FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019.
- All participants will be awarded a certificate.
- Students who get at least one "BINGO" (across/diagonal/up and down) on both sheets will be awarded a certificate and earn a book for their classroom library.
- Students who complete the entire sheet for **either** the month of July or August will be awarded a certificate, earn a book for their classroom library, and choose a book of their own to bring home.
- Students who complete the entire sheet for **both** the month of July and August will be awarded a certificate, earn a book for their classroom library, choose a book of their own to bring home, and will be invited along with the top summer readers from the 2019 Summer Governor's Reading Challenge, to participate in a celebration breakfast with Mr. Napolitano (Date TBD).

We hope this proves to be an exciting and motivating opportunity that engages children in summer reading. We look forward to hearing all about Head O'Meadow students' summer reading adventures when we return to school in August. Until then have a fantastic summer!

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