

MVMS SUMMER READING 2017



Dear Families,

MVMS is pleased to announce the Summer Reading 2017 book titles! The goal of the MVMS Summer Reading program is to foster a love of reading while helping students to maintain or even improve their reading skills.

There is a wide range of topics and themes, as well as reading skill levels, represented in this summer reading list. As always, parents and guardians play a critical and important role in helping their child to choose books that are best suited to them. Students will be exposed to the title choices through a “book tasting” event which will allow students to interact with and evaluate the book choices, as well as discuss the books with members of the MVMS staff. All students will leave the event with a copy of the Summer Reading titles brochure. We recommend that you take a moment to review the titles in the brochure. Ask your child to share the book tasting “menu” with you and then inquire as to why your child may or may not want to read certain titles.

We encourage families to choose and read Summer Reading selections together. Students may benefit from read alouds and/or reading the same title as a friend or family member and engaging in ongoing discussions about the book. Some suggested discussion starters are:

- “What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen? Why or why not?”
- “What type of character is _____? Is she/he friendly/mean/nice? Would you be friends with this character? Why or why not?”
- Ask about events in the story: “How would you feel if you were that character? Has anything like that ever happened to you or someone you know? Would you like that to happen to you?”
- For informational nonfiction: “What facts have you read? Have you learned anything new? Does this confirm your previous thinking about this topic? Where would you go to learn more information about this topic?”

Students will indicate their title selections via sign ups in early June and titles will be available for purchase at the Spring Book fair. Copies can also be purchased at Barnes and Noble, or borrowed from the MVMS Information Center and the public libraries. We also have a few titles available as ebooks, please contact the Information Center for directions on how to access these titles. Activities around the titles will take place early on in the 2017-2018 school year.

It is our hope that your family finds joy in this year’s Summer Reading. If your child is struggling with a book, please have him or her select another title that better suits his or her interests and/or abilities. If your child is having trouble finding an appropriate selection please contact Amy Gillam, Library Media Specialist (amy.gillam@sau19.org) or Sarah-jane Nadeau, 7th/8th Literacy Teacher (sarah-jane.nadeau@sau19.org).

Happy Reading!

The MVMS Summer Reading Committee