

May 19, 2025

Dear Bracken Parents:

As the 2024-25 school year comes to a close, it is my pleasure to present the Bracken Christian School Elementary 2025 Summer Reading Challenge. My goal is to encourage our students to be lifelong readers. Summer reading is an important activity for your child's intellectual and developmental growth. Research has shown the importance for children to read daily during the summer. Reading helps a child maintain and improve skills worked on during the school year.

What helps make reading entertaining is allowing each child the freedom to choose books that speak to their unique interests. I hope you and your family will read many stories this summer and reap all the wonderful benefits that reading has to offer!

Any books you read to and/or with your child can be counted toward their Library Summer Reading Challenge as well. Your parent signature will suffice as confirmation that your child completed the required reading.

All student participants **MUST RETURN** completed Reading Logs No Later Than Fri. Aug. 22, 2025. These students will be recognized during a Special Library Chapel. Students who read and record books meeting the minimum recommendations for their grade level will receive a certificate.

Please see the chart on the back of this letter for grade specifics. Students who read more will be eligible for additional recognition. I hope you will encourage your child to read over the summer months. Please review your child's reading logs periodically. Please Note: **audiobooks do not count.**

Again, thank you for encouraging your child to read!

Sincerely,

Teri Jennings,
Bracken Christian School Librarian

Attachments: Grade Level Reading Recommendations (on back)
Summer Reading Log

MINIMUM READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Remember to write your book titles and total pages read

Pre-K	1 Book a week / READ BY AN ADULT
KINDER	1 Book a week / READ BY STUDENT OR AN ADULT
FIRST GRADE	2 Book a week <i>(30 Pg. Min / per book)</i> READ BY STUDENT
SECOND GRADE	2 Books a week <i>(45 Pg. Min / per book)</i> or 1 Chapter Book per 2 weeks.
THIRD GRADE	At least 10 Books (over summer) Each Book min. 100 Pgs.
FOURTH GRADE	At least 10 to 15 Books (over summer) Each Book min. 150 Pgs.
FIFTH GRADE	At least 15 to 20 Books (over summer) Each Book min. 200 Pgs.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!