

Tips for a successful summer of reading & learning

- 1) ***Continue nightly reading.*** Lower School students are already in the habit of reading every night – why not continue this important habit throughout the summer? Not only will nightly reading ensure that your child does not slip in her reading, but also, the quiet of reading before bed each night is a perfect way for a child to calm down from a busy, hot day of summer fun. (And you'll get a few minutes of peace, too)
- 2) ***Join a summer public library reading program.*** Central Ohio is fortunate to have some of the most amazing public libraries in the country! Every local public library system (Columbus Metropolitan Libraries, Bexley, Upper Arlington, Grandview, Worthington) offers special summer reading programs for children. Sign up your child for one of the summer reading programs and take advantage of the many fabulous *free* activities and events offered by the public library (and your child might win prizes throughout the summer for her reading).
- 3) ***Summer Writing Journal.*** Our students are in the habit of writing every day; students can continue to develop this crucial skill by writing throughout the week. One idea is to present your daughter with a brand new journal at the conclusion the school year; announce that it is her Summer Writing Journal. Three nights a week your child could write down a short reflection of what she did during a busy day, or maybe just write a list of what she loved about a particular summer activity. If you travel, the Summer Journal could become a lovely record of family memories if your child writes in her journal during the trip.
- 4) ***Listen Up! Audio Books can be wonderful for the whole family.*** If you and your child have not yet discovered the joy of listening to an **audiobook**, summer would be a great time to explore this powerful way of experiencing a story. Whether you listen to a CD or download a book (*free!*) through a public library site such as Overdrive or Hoopla, your entire family can listen to master storyteller read a classic such *The Secret Garden* or newer books such as *The Penderwicks* or *The Lightening Thief* series. And if you are traveling long distance by car, consider listening to an audiobook together as another way to keep your child happy and occupied.
- 5) ***Ms. Ruefle recommends . . .*** If you or your child are stumped on ideas of what good books to read this summer, please feel free to email her at aruefle@columbusschoolforgirls.org. She is available all summer via email for book recommendation and suggestions. . . the reading never stops!

