

Columbus School for Girls

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Dear Lower School Parents and Students,

As your family looks ahead to the lovely days of summer, please be sure to include reading in your summer plans. More than a hundred years of research tell us that without intentional educational activities over the summer months, students often lag behind in the fall. The very best way for your child to stay engaged is to make sure she is **reading** over the summer! We hope your daughters will **read, read, read** all summer long. We have also selected a required book for each student to read (by Form) that will be the focus for the opening days of the coming school year.

Parents, please help your younger daughters by reading the selected title with them, and reading it several times. Parents of older students, we encourage you to read the selected title yourself (or along with your child) so that you can discuss the book with your daughter.

Finally, though students are required to read the selected books below, we are hopeful that your child will return to school bursting to talk about *all* the books she's read over the summer months.

Incoming Form I—Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Incoming Form II—The Empty Pot by Demi

Incoming Form III—Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Incoming Form IV—Girls are required to read one, *but may read more.*

Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davis

Friendship According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Incoming Form V—Girls are required to read one, *but may read more.*

Patina by Jason Reynolds

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Restart by Gordon Korman



**KEEP
CALM
AND
READ, READ,
READ.**

To respect each family's preference for obtaining books, we are providing you with the book title for your daughter's summer reading. You may obtain a copy of the book at your local library or bookstore, online through an eBook, or from our online bookstore (www.k12sd.com).

Thank you,

The Lower School Faculty