

A Summer Book Safari

McGinn Reading Challenge

Dear McGinn Students & Parents,

I couldn't be prouder to be the media specialist at this amazing school! A few years ago, the students of McGinn checked out a little more than 30,000 books. This year, as students laughed with Gerald & Piggie, cast spells with Harry Potter, appreciated the determination of Helen Keller and learned about the final hours of the Titanic, they checked out more than 35,000 books from the library. One word sums up the reading efforts of the McGinn students: Wow!

Based on how many books McGinn students read this year, here are a few facts we know:

- McGinn students love to read. You have shown you are versatile in your book selections. It's been a pleasure watching our students check out mystery, fantasy and humor from our fiction shelves, along with a ton of nonfiction books and biographies.
- McGinn students have expanded their vocabularies and enhanced their fluency.
- McGinn students have done a great job passing along recommendations to their classmates, which is a terrific way to generate interest in specific series or genre.
- McGinn students have become better writers. Your creativity has bloomed and your ability to put words on paper has been helped by your reading experiences.



With the summer here, there is no doubt our students will continue to read while on break. However, a little motivation can go a long way, so let's see if McGinn students can use the summer to continue improving their reading skills. Sticking with tradition, we're going to hold a reading challenge, this year's titled, *A Summer Book Safari*. Students are challenged to read as much as they can during the summer break, with the total number of books announced when we return to school in September.

Students who read the most books will be inducted into the McGinn Summer Reading Hall of Fame and have their name honored in a special place outside of the library and receive a small prize. Depending on the number of books students read, they'll earn recognition in a specific category, this year using an animal theme.

Zebra: You're eager to earn your reading stripes (4-6 books).

Giraffe: You're using that long neck to reach higher as a reader (7-10 books).

Rhino: You love storming through a book's pages (11-14 books).

Crocodile: Taking a bite out of books is part of your day (15-19 books).

Lion: Consider yourself King of the Reading Jungle (20+ books).

Taking part in the challenge is easy. Use the attached reading log to record the books you have read during the summer and turn it in to Mr. Lohn at the beginning of next school year. The books chosen should be "Just Right" books and fit your reading level. Have fun with the challenge and enjoy all those books this summer.

