**2019 Summer Reading Requirements for Rising 5th Grade Students**

Dear Fourth-into-Fifth Graders,

Many new academic experiences await you in Dalton’s fifth grade, and your Fifth Grade House Advisors are looking forward to meeting each one of you. Because we feel that reading is such an important part of your educational and personal development, your summer assignment is to read Madeleine L’Engle’s *A Wrinkle in Time*, as well as two books of your choice. There is no written assignment for *A Wrinkle in Time*; simply come to fifth grade ready to discuss:

❖ The attributes of the characters:

Meg, Charles Wallace, Calvin, Mrs. Who, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Which, Mrs. Murray, It, and Aunt Beast.

❖ How the book shows the themes below:
  ● Can you know how to be happy if you are never unhappy?
  ● Do differences create problems?
  ● Are like and equal two entirely different things?

Also, in terms of the other two books, you can choose from the Recommended Summer Reading List and the Recommended Book Series list or explore libraries and bookstores for great new titles or classics.

We ask that you record the titles and authors of all the books you devour this summer. In September, Mrs. Feldman and Mr. Quain will have you share some of your favorite books and series.

However, since many of you will have the pleasure of reading the following books with your classmates next year, we ask you to NOT choose the following books as your summer reading books:

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead  
*Enchanted Air* by Margarita Engle  
*Dust of Eden* by Mariko Nagai  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*Caminar* by Skila Brown  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Flying Lessons & Other Stories* edited by Ellen Oh

Have a wonderful summer,

The Fifth Grade House Advisors