Summer Reading and Math Assignments

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Elementary Reading Assignment Survey Results

- Survey sent to all elementary classroom teachers, reading and math specialists, and building administrators
- 55 teachers and 3 administrators responded

Elementary Reading and Math Assignment Survey Results

- The majority of elementary teachers prefer optional reading and math assignments
- Keeping a log of books read with a minimum requirement slightly preferred over two books read with reading responses for each
- Online math assignment (IXL) slightly preferred over math packet
- Recognition in the form of a certificate or homework pass recommended
- 70% of survey respondents indicated that they contacted at least 5 families to remind them that their child needed to complete the summer reading and/or math assignments.

2012 Elementary Summer Reading Participation

School	FA	JFK	SA	SB	TA
Grade					
1	91%	87%	79%	93%	81%
Grade					
2	90%	95%	89%	89%	81%
Grade					
3	90%	80%	91%	83%	91%
Grade					
4	96%	88%	96%	84%	91%
Grade					
5	90%	88%	94%	98%	92%

Elementary Summer Reading Building Participation Trend Data

School	2010- 2011	2011- 2012	2012- 2013
FA	95%	95%	91%
JFK	95%	87%	87%
SA	98%	91%	90%
SB	92%	94%	88%
TA	90%	81%	87%

2012 Elementary Summer Math Participation

School	FA	JFK	SA	SB	TA
Grade					
1	79%	61%	62%	78%	95%
Grade					
2	79%	73%	65%	94%	96%
Grade					
3	75%	76%	54%	91%	95%
Grade					
4	96%	85%	71%	93%	93%
Grade					
5	80%	77%	70%	100%	94%

Elementary Summer Reading Recommendations

- Optional assignment
- Complete a log of books read showing a minimum of 10 books from the district provided list
- Participation could be done in conjunction with NYS Summer Reading Library program
- Log must be turned in within the first 3 days of school
- Participants will be rewarded with a special building celebration and will have their names listed on a display in the building

Elementary Summer Math Recommendations

- Optional assignment
- IXL math with specific directions for completion
- Total of 5 hours spent on IXL during the summer
- Must be complete by the third day of school
- Participants will be rewarded with a special building celebration and will have their names listed on a display in the building

JHS and SHS Reading Assignment Survey Results

Survey sent to secondary English teachers and building administrators

8 JHS, 7 SHS, 2 administrators, and 1 unknown responded

JHS and SHS Reading Assignment Survey Results

- The majority of secondary teachers prefer optional reading assignments
- Assignment preference is either book talk or written assignment done in class
- Two books- one from a designated list, one of personal choice
- Points added to quarter average preferred

JHS Summer Reading Building Participation Trend Data

Grade	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
6	91%	91%	92%
7	90%	92%	96%
8	92%	94%	96%

SHS Summer Reading Building Participation Trend Data

Grade	2010- 2011	2011- 2012	2012- 2013
9	88%	84%	84%
10	86%	79%	88%
11	83%	82%	89%
12	83%	87%	95%

Secondary Summer Reading Recommendations

- Mandatory reading of one book from a grade level list and completion of note packet
- Students in AP English courses will not have to complete the mandatory summer reading assignment but need to complete the AP summer reading assignment
- Written assignment completed in class by tenth day of school
- Universal scoring rubric will be used and will result in a quiz grade with a minimum score of 75
- English course quiz grade of zero for non-completers

Secondary Summer Reading Recommendations- continued

- Optional reading of additional book of student choice and completion of note packet
- Written assignment completed in class within the first three days of school
- Participants will receive up to 3 points on quarter one English average (1 point for note packet, 1 or 2 points for written assignment)

Thank you!

