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Dear Parents,

Summertime is a fun and exciting time for children. Days are filled with outdoor activities, travel, and some relaxation. However, there is another way to keep busy this summer. This activity can bring you to another time and place. It allows you to make new friends, travel to another planet, or even travel back in time to visit the past. Reading is a wonderful way to go on an adventure!

This year, students **entering first grade** will be asked to read *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo. Then they will complete one of the projects on the next page. Projects are due by Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Although only one book is required for the summer reading program, please encourage your children to explore other books and maybe even take part in your local library's summer reading program.

Have a fantastic summer and keep on reading!

Sincerely,

Juliana Harding
Teacher, 1st Grade

Students will read Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo. They will choose one of the following projects to complete.

A. Create a brochure.

Directions-

1. Fold the construction paper into thirds.
2. Write the following information on the folds:
 - Front 1: Title of the Book
 - Front 2: Draw a picture of your favorite character and tell about him/her.
 - Front 3: Draw a picture and tell about the setting.
 - Back 1: Draw a picture and tell about the problem.
 - Back 2: Draw a picture and tell about the solution.
 - Back 3: Write about why someone should read this book.

B. Create a book cover.

Directions-

1. Design a new cover for the book. Make sure to include:
 - a. Title
 - b. Author
 - c. Illustrator
 - d. Picture
2. On a separate piece of paper, write a summary to describe the story. Try to make people want to read this book!

C. Create an advertisement.

Directions-

1. Design a poster for the book. Make sure to include:
 - a. Title
 - b. Author
 - c. Illustrator
 - d. Picture
2. Your poster should make people want to read this book!