

In the name of God, most Compassionate, most Merciful



Al Ihsan School of Excellence

**Summer Reading Program 2019
For Students Entering 1st through 5th Grade**

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Guardians,

This summer we will be continuing the summer reading program we introduced last year. We are providing students with Reading BINGO Cards that they will be expected to complete using the provided suggestions for summer reading and literacy activities. We hope that your children will look forward to reading this summer and take the opportunity to engage in many rich and rewarding activities that allow them to discover books they will truly enjoy.

All summer BINGO cards and reading logs will be collected at the beginning of the school year and students will be expected to complete a project based on one of the books read over summer break.

As an incentive to read in the summer, Chipotle is sponsoring a summer reading rewards program. Students who get BINGO (across, down or diagonal from top to bottom) on the Summer Reading BINGO Card and turn in their reading logs will be awarded with a certificate for free Chipotle at the beginning of the school year.

Instead of a written assignment or test based upon summer reading, we ask that students entering 1st - 5th grades simply keep a reading log, listing the title and the author of each book they read. (A copy of a grade appropriate "reading log" is provided). These logs, along with the BINGO card will be turned in and graded as a first-quarter reading grade. As an alternative to the written assignment and test, students will be asked to bring in their reading BINGO cards and reading logs, listing the books they have read over the summer to school in August. Our goal is to offer more student-centered opportunities that will allow for more creativity.

At the beginning of the school year, students will select their favorite book and present a "**book talk**" for their class. Some of our older elementary students may opt to create a book trailer or use an alternate presentation format. Classroom teachers will provide the framework and rubrics for presentation expectations and work with their students to help them decide how they would like to present their favorite book. The presentations will take place some time during the first few weeks of school and do not need to be completed before students return to school. This project will be taken as a grade for Reading.

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 1st - 5th grades to be actively involved in the book selection process. We encourage students to borrow books from Cleveland Public and Cuyahoga County Public Libraries. Parents and students may also want to consider trading, swapping, or borrowing books from friends or relatives.

With your support we want to make this a summer that encourages your child to fall in love with reading! We hope that by including many titles and authors, and by encouraging parents to be involved in the selection and approval of high interest books, our students will read many, many books this summer. The door is open for you and your child to choose from fiction, non-fiction, informational, and how-to-books. Texts may be the traditional print or eBook versions. Have fun, read to each other and talk about books during dinner or while riding in the car. Help your child to see the summer as a time when they can dive into books that feed their imagination and special interests. Think about some of the books you read and loved as a child and consider presenting a book talk for your child to spark their interest in reading the book to create a shared memory.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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