

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer is a great time for reading! Our summer reading assignments are meant to encourage our students' love of reading over the summer break and lay the groundwork for next year's "Pioneers and Trailblazers" scarecrow project. Students will read a shared text to help guide their individual projects. Students will not be choosing their research subjects until school has started. **All summer reading assignments must be completed by the first day of school on August 21. Students will need to have copies of their required reading books in class beginning the first day.**

Upper elementary students are required to read a total of two books over the summer. **All UE students are required to read:**

*Who Was Milton Hershey?* by James Buckley Jr.

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18114175-who-was-milton-hershey?from\\_search=true](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18114175-who-was-milton-hershey?from_search=true)

Students should be prepared to complete classwork about Milton Hershey and his life with facts from the book once school has started. Each student is required to have a copy of this book at school.

**The second book required for summer reading is the student's choice and should not be a book he or she has previously read.** There are many excellent children's books available, including the titles recommended at the link below. This website is just one resource for discovering great books.

<http://www.readbrightly.com/topics/summer-reading/>

**Students will need to create a project for the book he or she chooses.** The project should tell the class all the important details about the book your student read (title, author, genre, characters, setting, plot). All projects must be labeled with the book's title and author. Students may choose a project idea from the list included or create their own idea! Have fun and be creative! **Students will present their projects the first week of school. They *should not* bring projects on the first day of school.**

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!