

**Yadkinville Elementary School  
305 N. State St.  
Yadkinville, NC 27055**

Kelly Kirkland  
Principal

Jered Markman  
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May 21, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your student(s) are looking forward to an enjoyable and restful summer. We encourage you to include reading with your child in your summer plans. Research shows that reading with your child and/or having your child read daily will help them stay on their current reading level. Most students actually fall back in their reading level during the summer as a result of not reading.

Each student will receive a canvas bag that has "Summer Reading" on it to take home at the end of the school year. Inside of the bag will be a book and one postcard. The student is expected to read the book over the summer, answer the questions on the postcard and then mail the postcard back to school. Students entering grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> will be expected to return the bag and book back to school either during the summer if you are passing by the school or when school resumes in the fall. Teachers in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be using the books in class during the first few weeks of school. Students entering first and second grades will be asked to complete the postcard with the help of an adult and mail it back to school. They will also be asked to return the summer reading bag but they may keep the book.

Students may also pick up additional postcards to fill out for other books that they read. These books can be part of the Give 5 Read 5 program, checked out from the public library, or books you have at home. Students are encouraged to complete a postcard for each book they read over the summer and return the postcards to school. All of the completed postcards will be placed in a drawing for various prizes. The more books the students read, means the more postcards they can complete, which gives them more chances to win prizes. You can pick up the additional postcards at the school Monday – Thursday from 8 am – 4 pm, the YMCA, or at the public library.

We will also have the opportunity for students to hear the assigned books read to them on Tuesdays at Yadkinville School beginning at 11:30 am. We will have a reader for rising third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders that will be reading the book each week. Parents and siblings younger than third grade will meet in the library to hear a variety of books read aloud to them. We encourage parents and students to take advantage of this reading time each week. Readers may be staff members, people from the community, or community helpers such as police officers and firefighters. What a great way to share the job of reading!

We will also reward the classroom who had the most participation in the summer reading program with a snow cone party in August. We hope that you will encourage your child(ren) to read this summer so they can earn prizes but more importantly, so they can maintain their reading level.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office and we will try to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

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