



Summer Reading Letter
School Year: 2023-2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Students are required to read two books over the summer. The first book is *The One and Only Ivan*, and the second is *Social Justice*. Students should complete and bring the Understanding the Story Template for each section on the first day of school in August. In addition, your child must memorize the multiplication tables from 1 to 10.

Each student also needs to pick a book on social justice. Our goal is for the students to respect others, learn and embrace their own culture, explore social injustice, raise awareness, and work to take action on issues that matter to them. The books listed below will help them learn about self-love and knowledge, respect for others, issues of social injustice, and social action. They must complete and bring the Thinking about the Story Template and present the summary on the first day of school. Make sure to use the correct capitalization and punctuation in your summary.

List of Books on Social Justice:

* *Climbing Lincoln's Steps: The African American Journey*

* *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* (Christy Ottaviano Books)

* *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* (Jane Addams Honor Book (Awards))

* *Grandmama's Pride* (Golden Kite Honors)

* *Everyone Matters: A First Look at Respect for Others* (A First Look at...Series)

The attachments include assignment requirements and instructions on how to complete the summer reading. I hope that you will enjoy these books and happy reading! Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
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