



Peekskill City School District

Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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Dear families of incoming 4th & 5th graders --

Though the school year is just ending, we are already looking forward to welcoming you all to Hillcrest in September! Schools are lonely places without the smiles and laughter and "Ah-hah!" moments of learning! We hope you enjoy the summer with family and friends, but we also hope that you will try to keep up some of your skills over the summer as well, so we are inviting everyone to participate in our Summer Reading program.

This year, because of the way the 2019-20 school year ended with work packets and online google classrooms, we opted not to go with a traditional summer packet. Based on feedback we had from students and parents, it seemed as though everyone had enough of paper packets! Instead, what we want students to do this summer is to find and read things they love and can get immersed in. We have a daily checklist of tasks we'd like you to complete (reading, 10 minutes of math fact practice, doing a random act of kindness, etc.), but we also have a BINGO game of activities related to your reading that you can select from each week (or maybe more!). Everyone who participates in the summer reading program will be invited to an ice pop party when we return to school, and for each "BINGO" you get, you will also be entered into a raffle to possibly win special prizes!

We know that some students and parents will like even more activities, so we will also post our typical packets from previous years to our website, though those are strictly "optional." We really encourage ALL students to participate in the Summer Reading BINGO at a minimum, and the other packets are for those who want to go above and beyond!

We hope you stay safe and enjoy the summer with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you soon back at Hillcrest! If you need a copy of the BINGO sheet or the optional packets mailed to you, please don't hesitate to call the school at 914-739-2284 to request either or both. Until September, continue to be Honest, Ambitious, Wise, Kind and Safe -- it's a great time to be a HAWK!

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