All students at Oak Grove are encouraged to participate in the All-Star Summer Reading Program. Independent reading develops fluency, vocabulary, and helps develop a love of reading. Reading books aloud to your child develops comprehension, vocabulary, and becomes a special time for parents and children. You can help support your child with encouragement, availability to books and other reading materials, and most importantly, modeling reading!

Use next year’s grade level to set your goals. Younger children who are not yet fluent readers should log down books that are being read to them.

K-1st Grade 75 days @ 20 minutes per day = 1,500 minutes
2nd-3rd Grade 75 days @ 30 minutes per day = 2,250 minutes
4th-5th Grade 75 days @ 45 minutes per day = 3,375 minutes

Ideas for books and activities can be found at:
Reading is Fundamental:  http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources.htm
Scholastic  www.scholastic.com
American Library Association -Books for early Elementary readers:  
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/compubs/booklists/greatreads/greatearlyelemreads.cfm
American Library Association -Books for Building a Home Library (all grades)  
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/compubs/booklists/homelib/alacbcbuildinghomelbry.cfm

Students who meet the goals outlined below be able to choose a brand new book and bookmark . Top readers from each grade will receive Scholastic dollars to spend at the Fall book fair.

**America’s Battle of the Books – Grades 3, 4, and 5**
In conjunction with the All-Star Summer Reading Program, we also have another exciting program for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! America’s Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students whose purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers. **Students in grades 3-5 can count their Battle of the Books reading in their All-Star Summer Reading goals.**

Students participate by reading from the book list provided (see attached). Books & the book lists are also available at AV library at the children’s library desk. Students may “count” books they have read before; however, they cannot count books that they have only seen on a video or a movie. They must read the book and they should keep a summary so they can review this information before the “battle”. We have also attached a story map to assist students. Students should keep a notebook with their story maps; please do not turn these into the office.

A typical “battle” is a tournament or game like the College Bowl or Family Feud in which students’ teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list.

The benefits to students are that they gain knowledge and enjoyment from reading good books, sharing them with friends, parents and teachers, plus a fun day of playing in the “Battle”.

The timeline for reading is all summer and throughout the upcoming school year. The “Battle” will occur in May or early June. Winners from our school may then be battling with the team from another CUSD school/.  
http://www.battleofthebooks.org/

Please bring the **Summer Reading Log** to your new teacher during the second full week of school (September 16th – September 20th, 2013).

Happy Summer Reading!