

# Charlotte Lab School 2016 Summer Challenge



Dear Families:

Just because school takes a break for the summer, it doesn't mean that learning has to be! Help us show our students that learning has no boundaries by helping them to choose and pursue a project that allows them to tap into their inner curiosity and passion! Aside from the one required reading, which will be used to support Advisory activities early in the year, there will be no grades or due dates for this learning - we just want to see what our students can do and allow them to experience the joy and satisfaction that comes from learning and accomplishing something! Therefore, we ask that you share photos and videos by labeling your FB/Instagram/Twitter posts with #clsummerchallenge. Let's see what our kids can do and how they can inspire us and each other!

Happy Learning,  
Dr. Moss Brown

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## Grade Level Required Reading

Kindergarten	<i>Beautiful Oops</i> By Barney Saltzberg AND <i>My Brave Year of Firsts</i> , By Jamie Lee Curtis	First Grade	<i>Have you Filled a Bucket Today?</i> By Carol McCloud AND <i>I'm Gonna Like Me</i> By Jamie Lee Curtis
Second Grade	<i>Iggly Peck, Architect</i> OR <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> By Andrea Beaty AND <i>Those Shoes</i> By Maribeth Boelts	Third Grade	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> By Kevin Henkes AND <i>Enemy Pie</i> By Derek Munson OR <i>Catwings</i> By Ursula K. Le Guin
Fourth Grade	<i>Wonder</i> by RJ Palacios	Fifth Grade	<i>The Misfits</i> By James Howe

Looking for more summer reading ideas? We like these lists:

- Vanderbilt <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/documents/booklist.pdf>
- Bank Street College of Education  
<https://www.bankstreet.edu/center-childrens-literature/childrens-book-committee/best-book-s-year/2016-edition/>
- GoodNet <http://www.goodnet.org/articles/25-childrens-books-that-teach-kids-meaningful-values>
- 88 Books that Teach Important Lessons  
<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2013/11/88-books-that-teach-important-lessons.html>

## Summer Challenge Ideas

- ★ Build something (house, fort, a doll house, bridge...). Check out a construction site for inspiration.
- ★ Design something (an app, a school, a game,
- ★ Sell something (lemonade, baked goods, hand-made jewelry, clothes that are too small, toys you no longer play with).
- ★ Organize your house (or a closet or pantry). Take “before” and “after” pictures!
- ★ Write something and submit it for publishing. Here are some resources.
- ★ Learn to write in cursive (try [Handwriting Without Tears](#))
- ★ Learn to write in calligraphy.
- ★ Teach a younger child how to do something.
- ★ Learn an instrument (and perform!)
- ★ Learn a dance (and perform!)
- ★ Sing/Act in or write a play or musical.
- ★ Clean up a park or street or playground. Show us the “before” and “after” pictures!
- ★ Design and implement a service project.
- ★ Do a research project and read everything you can about the subject!
- ★ Host a pop-up art gallery with friends.
- ★ Make a short film using props inspired by [www.Instructables.com](http://www.Instructables.com).
- ★ Design and conduct a science experiment.
- ★ Solve a problem! Solve a mystery!
- ★ Do a car maintenance project, like changing oil at home.
- ★ Get a job - babysitting, “mother’s helper”, dog-walking, lawn help, newspaper delivery.
- ★ Earn a badge in Scouts.
- ★ Create a public service announcement on YouTube.
- ★ Write a play, or script, or story, or newspaper article.
- ★ Learn to swim. Learn a fancy dive.
- ★ Do something you were always afraid to do!
- ★ Plan a fundraiser, or party, or service project, or neighborhood activity.
- ★ Set a reading goal and meet it!
- ★ Draw/paint/sculpt and plan an exhibit of your work.
- ★ Start a club.
- ★ Create a “non-bummer-summer” list. Look here for inspiration ([www.judymoodymovie.com](http://www.judymoodymovie.com)) and do everything on it!
- ★ Watch movies (or read books) and write or film “reviews” – like Reading Rainbow!
- ★ Learn to ride a horse, or a bike, or a skateboard, or a scooter (don’t forget a helmet!).
- ★ Cook, bake, test recipes, invent recipes, stage your own “Cupcake War”, or design and film a cooking show!
- ★ Arrange an internship to learn more about a career you’re interested in.
- ★ Play a sport - seriously. Practice and practice to get better.
- ★ Travel and write about your journeys and learning.
- ★ Find a pen-pal in another country.
- ★ Go tech-free....all summer long! Who can do this?!?!?!

- ★ Make your own piece of clothing...and wear it! Stage a fashion show.
- ★ Volunteer at a senior center - offer to read a book or sing/play the piano in their lounge.
- ★ Create a how-to video (upload to Vimeo?) teaching classmates how to do something you're great at!
- ★ Do something so great that it makes the newspaper or news!
- ★ Create a video so unique that it goes viral!
- ★ Write a poem or a book ( or a book of poems)...and publish it! Check out these publishing ideas.
- ★ Keep a journal or sketchbook where you write or draw everyday
- ★ Take a walk in nature and collect things that catch your eye (unusual leaves, pinecones, rocks) then research more about them when you get home.
- ★ Perform a random act of kindness
- ★ Plant flower seeds and watch them grow throughout the summer. Make drawings of the different phases of life the plants go through.
- ★ Read a book to a younger kid. Ask them about their favorite part and then tell them yours.
- ★ Teach a younger kid a skill you know really well (how to hit a baseball, throw a frisbee, make cookies etc.)
- ★ Start a book club with your friends. Pick a book and all read it separately, then have a sleep-over party to discuss it.
- ★ Design your own pokemon cards then trade them with your friends
- ★ Try and find the big dipper and the little dipper in the summer evening sky. What else can you learn about the moon and other constellations?
- ★ Catch a firefly and observe it like a scientist (don't forget to release it) then research what makes it glow? What other animals glow?
- ★ Fill the bucket of someone you love with a handmade card, or a hug when you see they are having a bad day.
- ★ Find something beautiful and then make a piece of art inspired by it.
- ★ Make a map of your neighborhood. Include as many details as you can.

What AMAZING thing did YOU do this summer???

## #CLSSummerChallenge

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What I did for the #CLSSummerchallenge:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students:** Please complete one of these for any #clssummerchallenge you take on this summer. Write your name, grade, and a description or picture, and color or decorate your sun and add it to our bulletin board in the front office. Share your ideas and inspire others!