



## **PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to continue to foster a sincere love of reading, our elementary schools now have a unified reading requirement.

Students in grades 2 through 6 are expected to read the following books each school year:

- 2 – Biography
- 2 – Fiction
- 2 – Non-Fiction
- 4 – Their Choice – this means that the student may select any genre to read

Roughly, this comes out to about one book per month during the school year. Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recommends that students read 25 books per year. However, this is the recommendation for the entire year and also takes into account reading that is done in the classroom.

Students are required to complete a form for each of the ten books read. There is a form for grade 2 and another form for grades 3-6, which are both available on each school's website. Parents will be asked to sign the form, a copy of which is attached to this letter. The Reading Requirement will be listed on the report card to inform you of your child's progress throughout the year.

Students may choose to do the required reading during the summer months prior to the new school year. This option will be up to you and/or your child and the forms may be completed and returned to school during the first week of the new school year.

Students who complete the reading requirement will participate in an end of year celebration at each school as well as receive a certificate of completion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mary A. Brumbach

Christine C. Steigerwalt