



### LEADING THE WAY

The Central Bucks Schools will provide all students with the academic and problem-solving skills essential for personal development, responsible citizenship, and life-long learning.

Summer 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This summer we are implementing a new theme for summer reading ~ “Books as Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Glass Doors”. Rudine Bishop best explains this theme, sharing that books provide “views of worlds that may be real or imagined... and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created by the author.” Bishop further explains how “literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience.”

Our goal is to provide students with a powerful way of understanding the importance of their own experience, while also gaining a greater appreciation of the experience of others. Students will be encouraged to choose books with the “windows and mirrors” theme that are of interest to them. When students are engaged in reading books of their choosing, reading becomes an *empowering* part of their lives.

We encourage you to be involved in conversations with your child about the book they choose. When family plays an active role in their child’s reading life, students can witness firsthand the role reading can play in their lives. We also hope to generate a lot of enthusiasm for summer reading!

At CB West, teachers have shared suggested book lists on the summer reading website. If your child is searching for what to read this summer, please peruse our posted lists. This website also includes a link to our Sora eBook collection which is available to students all year long. When students and staff return to school in the fall, book discussions will be held in Advisory providing everyone with the opportunity to share what they read over the summer and reflect on the “windows and mirrors” theme. This communal goal will continue to promote reading for pleasure and build on the school culture at CB West.

Thank you for being an important part of our reading community!

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