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Dear Parents,

As part of the Heritage Christian School Improvement plan, we are once again doing a summer reading program. Each student is asked to read three books from the approved list. Parents of Kindergarten children may read the books to the child.

Our goals are to keep reading skills sharp over the summer and to have students read most of the recommended books for college entrance by the time they reach high school.

Attached are your child's grade level approved books. There are several books to choose from at each level. This list is approved by ACSI. The books ACSI have selected are based on literary excellence as well as moral excellence. The final decision on what your child reads or does not read is left up to you.

After a book is read, students will then be asked to do an evaluation of the book. This may involve drawing a picture and telling a little story for the lower grades and maybe a whole book report for the upper grades. Attached are the forms for the evaluations.

Please return all three completed reports to school in the fall.

Those students completing all three reports will then be rewarded with a casual dress day and ice cream party.

This is an optional activity, and it requires very little time, but will keep the student's skills sharp over the summer, and may open their eyes to the enjoyment of reading.

LEXILE AT HOME

- **Lexile® measures defined**

The Lexile Framework for Reading is a scientific approach to measuring readers and reading materials. A key component of the Lexile Framework is a number called the Lexile measure. A Lexile measure indicates both the difficulty of a text, such as a book or magazine article, and a student's reading ability. Knowing the Lexile text measure of a book and the Lexile reader measure of a student helps to predict how the book matches the student's reading ability—whether the book is too easy, too difficult or just right.

Both a Lexile reader measure and a Lexile text measure are denoted as a simple number followed by an "L" (e.g., 850L), and are placed on the Lexile scale. The Lexile scale ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and beginning-reading text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text.

The Lexile Framework, which comprises both the Lexile measure and Lexile scale, is not an instructional program any more than a thermometer is a medical treatment. But just as a thermometer is useful in managing medical care, the Lexile Framework is useful in managing your child's reading development.

- **Obtaining your child's Lexile measure**

Lexile measures are used at the school-level in all 50 states to improve student achievement across the curriculum. More than 28 million Lexile measures are reported annually from national and state assessments, classroom assessments and reading programs, representing about half of U.S. students. All major standardized reading tests and several popular instructional reading programs report students' scores as Lexile measures. Some schools include Lexile measures with report cards, test results and home reading materials.

- **More meaningful than grade leveling**

Lexile measures do not translate specifically to grade levels. Within any classroom, there will be a range of readers and a range of materials to be read. For example, in a fifth-grade classroom, there will be some readers who are far ahead and some readers who are far below the rest. To say that some books are "just right" for fifth graders assumes that all fifth graders are reading at the same level. Lexile measures track students' reading progress over time, no matter what grade they are in.

- **Managing your child's reading comprehension**

Lexile measures allow you to manage your child's reading comprehension by matching him or her to appropriately challenging text. Matching your child's Lexile measure to a text with the same Lexile measure leads to an expected 75-percent comprehension rate—not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to encourage reading progress.

You can further help your child by knowing his or her Lexile range. A reader's recommended Lexile range is 50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure. These are the boundaries between the easiest kind of reading materials for your child and the hardest level at which he or she should be able to read successfully.

- **Finding books and articles that will help your child**

Once you have your child's Lexile measure, you can connect him or her with tens of thousands of books and tens of millions of articles with MetaMetrics, Lexile, Lexile Framework, Lexile Analyzer, the Lexile symbol, Quantile, Quantile Framework and the Quantile symbol are trademarks or U.S. registered trademarks of MetaMetrics, Inc. The names of other companies and products mentioned herein may be the trademarks of their respective owners. © 2008 MetaMetrics, Inc. All rights reserved.

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