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Dear Parents of First through Fifth Graders,

With the summer months almost upon us, I am growing in excitement for my new role as PreK-12 Principal beginning July 1st. As I have prayed over the last several months, God has given me inspiration and direction for new ideas at Loudonville Christian School. One such idea pertains to our Summer Reading Program. Effective for the summer of 2017, LCS will no longer require summer book reports for students entering grades 1 -5.

As a reading teacher, I am strongly in favor of reading for pleasure and the continued development of fluency and comprehension skills throughout the calendar year. I encourage you to read daily with your child over the summer, taking the time to find books of interest to further his or her sense of adventure and love of reading. Attached to this letter is a reading calendar for your use over the summer months. I would encourage you to have your child read for 15 minutes each day, 4 days per week. Many public libraries offer incentive programs that will engage your child's mind and interest over the summer months. You may also refer to www.scholastic.com as an excellent resource for book lists appropriate for your young reader.

In addition to reading, I encourage you to keep your child ahead of the "summer slump" by reviewing grade level math resources, especially to practice math facts for fluency. There are several free resources available online including www.mathusee.com and www.math-aids.com, or paid programs and apps such as Reflex Math or Operation Code Squad. Reviewing math facts and concepts for even ten minutes each day will keep your child's mind tuned and ready for the next school year.

In closing, my prayer in discontinuing our Elementary Summer Reading Program at this time is that you and your child will have more time to read for pleasure as a family and enjoy a break from assigned homework during the summer months. I pray for God's blessings on and safety for your family this summer, and I look forward to seeing each of you this fall!

In Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Bigham'.

Amanda Bigham

Principal

