

# End of Year Newsletter

The 2009-10 school year is just about over. Where did the time go? I want to thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to teach and get to know your child. They are all special and unique. I have taught many of your children previously. It is rewarding to see how they have grown both academically and socially. They have become wonderful young men and ladies. You should be very proud of them. This group of students is extra special to me as they are my last class of students at the Knowlton Township Elementary School. I am retiring after teaching 32 years of teaching. It is bittersweet.

All my students worked extremely hard this year. They accomplished a lot. Sometimes it took blood, sweat and tears but they persevered. I am proud of each one of them.

The fourth graders did a great job with the Harcourt Reading Anthology. They enjoyed reading the many excerpts from novels, which made them anxious to read the entire book. They also read a large number great Free Choice books and enjoyed earning their reading caps. Congratulations to all! Remember to read something each day during the summer.

The fifth graders finished Number the Stars. They learned a lot about the Holocaust from the book. They also enjoyed reading A Taste of Blackberries, which was sad. It is about friendship. The boy has to come to grips with the fact that his best friend has died from an allergic reaction to a bee sting. He has to come to grips with the sudden tragedy and learns to manage his grief. It is a touching novel about friends.

They had a blast learning poetry and creating their poetry anthologies. We have some budding poets in Knowlton. The class enjoyed sharing their poems with Mrs. Mooney.

Many students have read above and beyond the number of required pages for Free Choice. I hope they all continue to read over the summer and that reading books has become an important part of their life.

Grade 6 students finished reading Maniac Magee. They learned that everyone is special and it doesn't matter what race or religion you are. Keep reading over the summer.

I want to wish each sixth grade student GOOD LUCK next year in whatever school they are going to. I will miss each and every one of you. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your unique personalities. Keep in touch.

Summer Reading Report Project information will be sent home in the report cards on the last day of school. The info will also be on the school website all summer. This is a required project for ALL students and will count as a grade for the first marking period next year. Remember to be creative and take pride in your work.

Enjoy the summer. Be happy and relax.... Read, read and read some more. Stay safe!

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GREAT MEMORIES  
I WILL TAKE WITH ME .

HAVE A SUPER SUMMER!  
I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU ALL .