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Dear ATS Students and Parents,

ATS readers will be *blooming* this summer! In keeping with a treasured ATS tradition, I am excited to announce our 2024 Summer Reading Challenge: **Read and Bloom!** Your teachers, ATS staff, Ms. Schoenbrun and I challenge YOU to read 50 books this summer! You know that reading is an essential part of learning. As such, completing this reading challenge is a **must do** - it is **required of all ATS students**.

Here are the steps to complete your super Summer Reading Challenge:

1. Enjoy reading 50 books you choose this summer! As you grow, dig, and delve into your summer of reading, record your books on the inside pages of the challenge. Be sure to start with number one! For those reading chapter books, 25 pages = 1 book. If you are a student entering Kindergarten, books may be read to you! **See additional resources on back.**
2. Remember that character counts! Show your ATS character by completing 10 admirable deeds and record them on the inside pages.
3. Challenge yourself to complete any or all of the ideas to help our climate listed on the back. Explore the many ways to help our planet by searching any of the websites to find out how YOU can make a difference.
4. Finally, return to ATS in August with your completed reading challenge and share all the wonderful books you've read and things you've learned along the way!

Students who read all 50 books this summer will receive a **Read and Bloom!** certificate and t-shirt as well as have the opportunity to participate in a special Reading Carnival Day in the fall. So DIG deep into reading this summer!



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Happy Reading,

Samuel Podbelski  
Principal