

Dear Parents,

This summer, current grades 2, 3, 4, and 5, for summer reading we will be participating in Buncee's Summer Sparks Reading Contest. This contest is to engage our students to read all summer long! Buncee has partnered with Capstone Publishing to help instill a love of reading in all students, and that's why we decided to join forces to keep your kids determined to read, research, and create all summer long ~ all while making sure they have fun too!

Capstone is providing access to three of their database for free this summer to students: Capstone Interactive (over 5,000 ebooks both audio and readable), Pebble Go, and Pebble Go Next Databases. Students can access ebooks to read or do research on topics of their liking. Students can also read books of their own choosing not in Capstone. After they read a book, they will create Buncees on each book that they read. The books or articles must be read between May 15, 2017 and September 7, 2017, and journal entries must be completed by 12:00 p.m. EST September 8, 2017. The school with the most Buncees created for each book will win Capstone's databases for the upcoming school year.

In each grade levels Seesaw account a folder has been created called Summer Buncee. In this folder are the links to the above databases, an explanation of the Summer Reading program, and a blog by Shannon Miller (Buncee Lead Librarian) explaining the contest with examples of different journals created in Buncee.

Students can access Seesaw and Buncee with their accounts that they have been using this year. Second grade will be given further instruction to access Buncee. To access Buncee please go to <https://app.edu.buncee.com/login> to login. Students have been shown all the links to the databases and how to use them and examples of Buncees. In each Buncee they will have a title slide with name of book, one to two slides with a summary of the book or article that they read, and a slide with favorite character and if they like the book or not. Buncee will be checking by teacher account the Buncees created for this contest. A majority of the books in the Capstone e-book database have an AR quiz associated with it. The students have been asked to keep track of the books they read and they can take the associated AR when they return in August.

We will also be participating in Battle of the Books again next year. The 2017-2018 list is now available. If your student would like to read those books and do a Buncee on them is also acceptable. That list can be found at <http://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra-3-5-resources.html>

Students have been told if they have any questions or issues to please contact Mrs. Deja ([edeja@st-cecelia.org](mailto:edeja@st-cecelia.org)) and she will help them.

Let the Bunceeing begin!