

## P.S. 174 1<sup>st</sup> Grade GATE Required Summer Reading

Welcome to class 1-100! We will have such a wonderful year reading, writing, and creating together! I have assigned the following books for you to read over the summer:

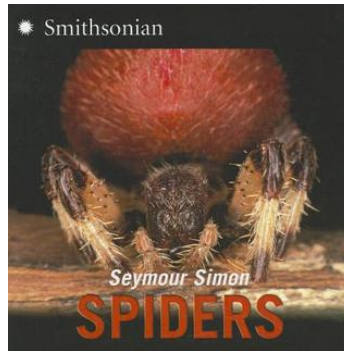
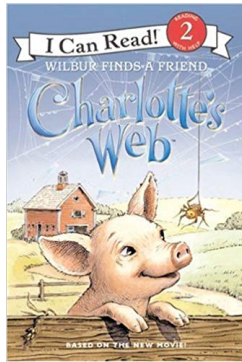
- Charlotte's Web: Wilbur Finds a Friend (I Can Read Book 2)

by Jennifer Frantz.

\*This timeless classic book is required reading for all GATE students.  
(Please see separate comprehension questions and activities.)

- Spiders by Seymour Simon

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I hope that you read and enjoy these books. Please be prepared to discuss and respond to them when we return to school.

Have a healthy, happy, wonderful summer!

I can't wait to be with you and share learning experiences!

Warmly,

Mrs. Ickowics 😊

## Charlotte's Web Reading Activity

Please choose one activity to complete. Bring it into school the first week. Please remember: This is the first assignment you will be giving your new teacher. First impressions mean a lot! Have fun and enjoy your reading!

1. Make a web of kindness with your photo in the middle. What would you do to be kind to others? Write every idea at the end of each line in the web and circle it.
2. Use a recipe card and write a recipe for kindness including all the ingredients that would make a happy class (or farm). For example: "one cup of friendliness", "two ounces of cheerfulness", etc. What can you cook up?
3. Use an index card and make a trading card describing character traits that show kindness or caring. Put your picture or photo (with your name) on one side, and the traits or characteristics of kindness or caring on the other.

Character Traits That Show Kindness or Caring		

4. Describe a pet that you would like to have and the traits that would make it a good friend for you and your family. What would you do to care for your pet? What would you want your pet to do for you? - Please write your answers on an 11 x 14 piece of lined paper.

Enjoy reading and learning! I can't wait to see you in September!

