<u>Summer Reading</u> – This summer all of the students and teachers at Wood School are required to read one of the novels in the series *A Dog's Purpose*. These books are intended to be enjoyed in a variety of ways. Some children would prefer to read independently, others may want to read with a family member or listen to an audio version. The books are readily available for purchase online and in book stores. There are several copies in the Wood School main office and the Plainville Public Library also has copies available. If you would like to use your library card to download an audiobook, check out <u>overdrive</u>. *If you chose to purchase a copy of the book, please send it to class with your child on the first day of school*.

At "Step up Day" your child will be given a "Menu of Activities" to complete related to the book. Students will also participate in several activities during the first week of school. There will be an opportunity for cross grade-level book talks and students will be treated to an "Afternoon at the Movies" to view the film *A Dog's Purpose*. Students will have the option of enjoying school-supplied popcorn during the show or are welcome to bring in a snack from home.

The novels in the series are:

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A Dog's Purpose* (2010) by W. Bruce Cameron A Dog's Journey** (2012) by W. Bruce Cameron Ellie's Story*** (2015) by W. Bruce Cameron Bailey's Story*** (2016) by W. Bruce Cameron Molly's Story*** (2017) by W. Bruce Cameron Max's Story*** (2018) by W. Bruce Cameron Toby's Story*** (2019) by W. Bruce Cameron

A Dog's Promise (October 2019) by W. Bruce Cameron

*A Dog's Purpose is the first book in the series. Although the novels do not need to be read in sequence, it may be a good place to start.

**A Dog's Journey contains some adult themes and may be better suited for older readers.

***These titles are geared towards younger readers.

<u>Summer Math</u>– Grades 4-6 have a review math packet available on the school website and copies can be found in the Wood School main office. These packets are intended to help kids stay sharp and review skills previously taught. Our goal is to start the school year off feeling confident and ready to tackle new math content.

Children that return to school with *completed work* will receive a *homework pass in each subject area*. Parents that email a fun *"shel%e"* photo of their child reading to our principal, Robin Roberts Pratt (rrpratt@plainville.k12.ma.us), will earn their child an extra 15 minutes of recess in the fall.

Please direct any questions to:

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