

# Arlington Central School District

## Noxon Road Elementary School

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Dear Noxon Families,

We encourage you and your family to join us in our 2019-2020 Summer Reading Challenge! We are asking you to make a commitment to read for at least 20 minutes each day, throughout the summer and log your reading by coloring each space on the attached calendars. The calendars will be turned in on the first day of school and we will have a culminating event to celebrate all of the summer reading that took place! The culminating event for all students who complete their summer reading will involve Charles R. Smith and an "American Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course!" It is sure to be a fun and rewarding celebration of hard work and summer reading!

Please sign the contract below and have your child sign it as well. Put this packet in a safe place and color the calendar starting on the first day of our summer vacation, through the first day of school. Again, your child will turn this in on the first day of school! We also encourage your child to complete an All Star Book card for each completed book read over the summer! **These All Star Book cards will become "raffle tickets" for various prizes, once turned in on the first day of school, so don't forget to have your child put their name on each All Star Book card, prior to turning it in!** Also, during the first week back at school we will have Charles R. Smith, author of over 30 Award-Winning children's stories and participant in American Ninja Warrior, here to celebrate with our school!

Throughout the summer we will be using our School Message system to give reminders about our Summer Reading Challenge! Please listen for those reminder sand messages! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and thank you in advance for committing to read with your child each day, every day, throughout the summer!

Warmly,  
Ms. Murray

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### Summer Reading Contract-Noxon Road Elementary School

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I promise to read for at least 20 minutes each day over the summer vacation! I will color in the calendar attached for each day that I read and I will bring the completed calendar to school on the first day back! My family and I will watch the link below, reminding ourselves of how important it is to read over the summer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cu59vDyHA-4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Gm68Ovhc0M>

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature



**Charles R. Smith, Jr.** is an acclaimed poet and the Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator of *My People*, a picture book based on the poem by Langston Hughes. He is also the illustrator of *If*, the author and photographer of *I Am the World*, and he won the Coretta Scott King Author Honor for his book *Twelve Rounds To Glory*. He grew up in California and attended the Brooks Institute of Photography. A magazine and book cover photographer in addition to a picture book creator, Charles lives with his wife and kids in Poughkeepsie, New York. Visit him at [CharlesRSmithJr.com](http://CharlesRSmithJr.com).

### Books by Charles R. Smith Jr.



