Summer Reading 2021

Be a Reading Family and Commit to Summer Reading!

The research says: “Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child’s reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs” (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These trips to the library.

• Be sure the summer schedule includes trips to the library.
• Encourage your child to talk with you about the books he/she is reading.
• Turn off the TV and video games for part of each day. Set aside time throughout the day to share and talk about the books you are both reading.
• Be a model for reading.

• Encourage your child to read all types of materials: newspapers, information books, comics, picture books, chapter books, magazines, and poetry, rhymes and even riddles.
• Always praise your child’s efforts and interest in books.
• You can help prevent reading loss this summer!

Suggested reading for students entering Pre-Kindergarten

A Big Guy Took My Ball! by Mo Willems
A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars by Seth Fishman
Another by Christian Robinson
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Phillip C. Stead
Bear Came Along by Richard T. Morris
Bedtime for Sweet Creatures by Nikki Grimes
Big Boys Cry by Jonty Howley
The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates
Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett
Fire Engine No. 9 by Mike Austin
Flashlight by Liz Boyd
Get Off that Camel! (the Hard Way) by A.H. Benjamin
Have You Seen Elephant? by David Barrow
Hey Water by Antoinette Portis
The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way) by Patrick McDonnell
The Old Truck by Jarrett Pumphrey and Jerome Pumphrey
¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!/Olinguito, from A to Z! by Lulu Delacre
Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! by Mike Twohy
Sam & Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett
Skulls! by Blair Thornburgh
This Is The Nest That Robin Built by Denise Fleming
When’s My Birthday? by Julie Fogliano
Windows by Julia Denos

Suggested reading for students entering Kindergarten

A Hungry Lion, or a Dwinding Assortment of Other Animals by Lucy Ruth Cummins
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal
Balance the Birds by Susie Ghahremani
Cricket in the Thicket by Carol Murray
Daniël Leads the School Parade by Anna Kim
The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt
The Good for Nothing Button! by Charles Harper
Good Rosie by Kate DiCamillo
I am the Storm by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple
If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams
If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson
The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
My People by Langston Hughes
Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry & Jessica Curry
Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin
Saturday by Oge Mora
Truman by Jean Reidy
Under My Hijab by Hena Khan
Waiting by Kevin Henkes
Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen
Who Wet My Pants? by Bob Shea

Suggested reading for students entering 1st Grade

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure by Doreen Cronin
Fox + Chick (series) by Sergia Ruzzier
The Camping Trip, by Jennifer K. Mann
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming
In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson
The Iridescence of Birds by Patricia MacLachlan
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
Lift by Minh Lê
Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons by Laura Purdie Salas
Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson
My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories by Salina Yoon
The Panda Problem by Deborah Underwood
Penni and Her Song by Kevin Henkes
The Prettiest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali
Red, A Crayon’ Story by Michael Hall
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie
We Are in a Book! by Mo Willems

Suggested reading for students entering 2nd Grade

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty
The Bad Seed by Jory John
Because by Mo Willems
A Butterfly is Patient by Angela Hurts Aston
Can I Eat That? by Joshua David Stein
Charlie and Mouse (series) by Laurel Snyder
Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built by Angela Kurke Kunkel
Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures Series by Jeff Brown
Fly Guy Presents (series) by Tedd Arnold
Goodnight Already by Jory John
I Think Like A River by Jordan Scott
Inky’s Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home by Sy Montgomery
Ollis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere by Barb Rosenstock
Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us by Lauren Castillo
See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog by David LaRochelle
The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal by Nick Seluk
The Water Princess by Susan Verde illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
Yasmin (series) by Saadia Faruqi
Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin

Tips for Families

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Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

Scholastic Literacy Pro
Scholastic Short Reads | Classlink
iReady MyPath | Classlink
AACPS Summer Programs www.aacps.org/summer2021
Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org/article/391/10 weeks of summer reading adventures for kids.
ReadWriteThink www.readwritethink.org/parent- afterschool-resources Parent & After-school resources; leveled by grade (K–12).
Epic www.getepic.com Over 35,000 digital texts
Discovery Kids online.kidsdiscover.com Discover all the world has to offer.
Starfall www.starfall.com Great site to practice literacy skills.

Parent Resources

www.aacpl.net/summer
www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en
www.scholastic.com/parents/
www.pbs.org/parents/
www.todaysparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

To sign-up online go to aacpl.beanstack.org
10 weeks of summer reading adventures for kids.

www.aacps.org/summer2021
In cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Public Library, www.aacpl.net
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