Summer Reading 2020

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 months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

Our goal is to keep students reading year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop 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.

For more information contact the Elementary Reading & Integrated Literacy Office at 410-222-5455

Tips for Families

- 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 Philip C. Stead
Bear Came Along by Richard T. Morris
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! by Mo Willems
Have You Seen Elephant? by david Barrow
Hey Water by Antoinette Portis
I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont
The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way) by Patrick McDonnell
¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z! by Lulu Delacre
Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! by Mike Wahr
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 Dwindling 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
The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt
Fix That Clock by Kurt Cyrus
The Good for Nothing Button! by Charise Harper
Good Rosie by Kate DiCamillo
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
Not a Box by Antoinette Portis
Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry & Jessica Curry
Petie 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 Sergio Ruzzier
In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson
The Irascibleness of Birds by Patricia MacLachlan
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons by Lisa Yee
My First Day by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
The Panda Problem by Deborah Underwood
Penny and Her Song by Kevin Henkes
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali
Red, A Crayon’s Story by Michael Hall
Rivers of Sunlight by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm
Some Pets by Angela DiTerlizzi
Thunder Bay 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 Jarby John
Because by Mo Willems
Can I Eat That? by Joshua David Stein
Charlie and Mouse (series) by Laurel Snyder
Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures Series by Jeff Brown
Fly Guy Presents (series) by Tedd Arnold
Goodnight Already by Jory John
Inky’s Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home by Barb Rosenstock
Oins and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere by Barb Rosenstock
The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal by Nick Seluk
The Water Princess by Susan Verde

Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

Reading Rockets
www.readingrocks.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 55,000 digital texts

Discovery Kids
online.kidsdiscovery.com
Discover all the world has to offer.

Starfall
www.starfall.com
Great site to practice literacy skills.

Kids Reads
www.kidreads.com
Find out about your favorite books, series, and authors.

Parent Resources
www.oacpl.net/summer
www.colorincolrado.org/#flanswitch=en

www.scholastic.com/parents/

www.pbs.org/parents/

www.todaysparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

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