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!

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/

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

Sign up for the 2019 Summer @ Your Library Challenge

To sign-up online go to aacpl.beanstack.org or fill out this form and return it to your local library branch.

Student’s Name______________________________

School______________________________________

Grade_______

E-mail______________________________

Library Branch________________________________

Summer Reading

Suggested reading for students entering Grade 3 & 4 in 2019

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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 summer learning slide.

### Third Grade

- **Armstrong**: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon by Torben Kuhlmann
- **Austin Lost in America**: A Geography Adventure by Jef Czekaj
- **Dory Fantasmagory** by Abby Hanlon
- **Eight Dolphins of Katrina**: A True Tale of Survival by Janet Wyman Coleman
- **Fairy Spell**: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real by Marc Tyler Nobleman
- **Fifty Cents and A Dream**: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim
- **Grace Hopper**: Queen of Computer Code by Laurie Wallmark
- **Juana & Lucas** by Juana Medina
- **Little Robot** by Ben Hatke
- **A Narwhal and Jelly Book** (series) by Ben Clanton
- **Sergeant Reckless**: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero by Patricia McCormick
- **Trudy’s Big Swim** by Sue Macy
- **Tales from Deckawoo Drive** (Books 1, 2, 3) by Kate DiCamillo
- **Weekends with Max and His Dad** by Linda Urban
- **Yours Sincerely, Giraffe** by Megumi Iwasa

### Fourth Grade

- **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** by Rita Williams-Garcia
- **Flora and Ulysses** by Kate DiCamillo
- **Fortunately, the Milk** by Neil Gaiman
- **Grand Canyon** by Jason Chin
- **Hidden Figures**: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly
- **Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise** by David Ezra Stein
- **Just My Luck** by Cammie McGovern
- **New Shoes** by Sara Varon
- **Ophelia and The Marvelous Boy** by Karen Foxlee
- **The Penderwicks** (series) by Jeanne Birdsall
- **The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York** by Geoff Rodkey
- **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmers** by Kelly Jones and Katie Kath
- **Waylon! Even More Awesome** by Sara Pennypacker
- **Who Built That? Bridges**: An Introduction to Ten Great Bridges and Their Designers by Didier Cornille
- **Whoosh!**: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton
- **The World According to Humphrey** by Betty Birney
- **The Year of the Book** by Andrea Cheng

The titles on this list are suggestions, and other books may be substituted. Ask your librarian for recommendations.