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/

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____________________________

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

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 summer learning slide.

Kindergarten

- Balance the Birds by Susie Ghahremani
- The Bear in the Book by Kate Banks
- Building Our House by Jonathan Bean
- Cricket in the Thicket by Carol Murray
- The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt
- Frog Song by Brenda Z. Guiberson
- Good Rosie by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Harry Bliss
- If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson
- Just Ducks! by Nicola Davies
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena
- The Man From the Land of Fandango by Margaret Mahy
- My People by Langston Hughes
- Not a Box by Antoinette Portis
- Penguin on Vacation by Salina Yoon
- Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Planes Fly! by George Ella Lyon
- Shoe Dog by Megan McDonald
- Waiting by Kevin Henkes
- Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
- Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman
- The Good for Nothing Button! by Charise Harper
- We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen
- A Hungry Lion, or a Dwindling Assortment of Other Animals by Lucy Ruth Cummins

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

Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

- 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
  https://online.kidsdiscover.com/
  Discover all the world has to offer.

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

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