

2009 Summer Reading



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Grades Pre K-5
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Grades Pre K-5
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Principal—Mrs. Cathy Sandoval

Lee Elementary

Grades Pre K-5
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Travis Elementary School

Grades Pre K-5
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Principal—Mrs. Bessie Johnson

Tyrrell Elementary

Grades Pre K-5
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Principal—Mrs. Emily Moore

Washington Elementary School

Grades Pre K-5
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Principal—Dr. Ella Williams

Wilson PreK-8 Technology

Grades PreK-8
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This summer's reading list provides a collection of popular, age-appropriate titles for students. Because this list serves only as a guide, remember to consider your child's maturity, interests, and ability when choosing reading material.

Take some time to look over this list with your child. Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. Recreational reading should be a pleasant experience.

Please use this list as a place to start. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed. Please do! The librarian at any public library will be happy to help you.

Talk about the book with your child. Ask questions like: *Who's your favorite character? What's the most interesting part? What might you change if you could go back and rewrite the section you're reading?*

Encourage your child to read every day. It really does make a difference!

Make Reading Fun!

- ☺ Throw a book exchange party! Trade favorite books with friends.
- ☺ Make your own audio book. Then listen to the recording as you read along.
- ☺ Read the book and then see the movie.
- ☺ Dress up and act out a favorite part of the book.
- ☺ Have a reading picnic. Take favorite food and books to the park!
- ☺ Drop everything and read!. Everyone at home—at a set time each day—drops everything and reads.

Attached you will find a recommended reading list for the appropriate grade level of your student. The list is a good place to start your summer reading, but it is only a beginning. Other titles by these authors or other authors offer enjoyable reading.

Some Reading Pointers

☞ Before reading.

Look at the cover and have your child try to guess what the book will be about. Read the title and name of the author and illustrator. If the book has a lot of pictures, let the child look through the pictures and talk about them to get the idea of the whole story (you may want to hide the ending to keep it as a surprise).

☞ During reading.

Read the book two times; children love to hear favorites again and again! On the first reading (for enjoyment) pause only to ask what might happen next, or if your child wants to make a comment. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages whenever possible. On the second time around, talk about some words that may be confusing.

☞ After reading.

You may want to ask the child to retell the story, talk about what it reminded him/her of, or just talk about the part they liked or didn't like. Try to keep this as an enjoyable discussion.



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Summer Reading.....

Reading aloud is the most important thing you can do to help your child be a successful reader.

The bed time story has a powerful influence on helping children become good readers. A parent does not have to be trained in teaching reading to give a child the gift of literacy.

Ways to Enjoy Reading

Read to your child. Read something you both enjoy, and read with expression.

Read with your child. Pause on words or phrases your child may know and let him or her read the part. Memorizing is OK; it is the beginning of learning to read.

Let your child read to you. If your child can read aloud all alone, let him/her show off.

Let your child see you read. Your child will want to imitate the example you set if he/she sees that you value reading in your everyday life.

Make reading pleasurable, not a chore. Nothing kills the enjoyment of reading more than making it seem like a lesson. Children who enjoy reading will become good students.

What to Read

Library books are free! All you have to do is apply for a library card. Do ask one of the librarians if you are not sure how to find a book—that is their job, and they are glad to help with that and much more.

Read outside print sign. When traveling on foot or in the car; make a game of reading signs such as stop, yield, one-way, street, building, and restaurant names.

Read print in the house. Read books, packages, cans, recipes, newspapers, toy advertisements, catalogs, and instructions to games, bills, lists, menus, TV listings, and children's magazines.

**Have fun choosing and reading
books this summer!**

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