

Classes One and Two Summer Reading

It is a substantially proven fact that children who are read to on a regular basis develop a love for books, a love for learning, a greater attention span, and higher order thinking skills.

Providence's *Recommended Reading List* includes some of the many books we feel are well-written, of good literary quality, and reinforce godly values. You probably have read many of them to your children already. If your child is ready for longer books, we encourage you to select additional titles of greater length. *The Little House on the Prairie Series*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Marguerite Henry's horse stories, or *Charlotte's Web* are good beginning choices.

William F. Russell, author of *Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children* and noted expert on the ways in which parents influence the achievement of their children, states, "Reading aloud may be the single most powerful contribution a parent can make to a child's success in school." We believe that, combined with a warm, stable godly home, and good training in values and habits, reading to your children has strong merit. Please try to read several long chapter books to your child this summer and share the adventure of reading together!

Parents/students should read at least twenty (20) books from the *Classes One and Two Recommended Reading List*. This should be a combination of picture books and chapter books and parent and child reading. If your child is reading, he should read aloud ten (10) minutes daily. Fluency is accomplished by practice. Children should be fluent readers by age nine.

Most students will exceed this minimum, which is a great benefit to your child.

Record all reading on the "Summer Reading Record Sheet" located on the website and send with your child on the first day of school.