CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Summer Elementary Reading 2022
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Dear Students and Families:

Reading is the most powerful tool to build literacy skills. The more reading we do, the more our reading skills grow - and the more our writing skills and vocabulary grow (source, p.9). So we encourage every child to maintain a daily reading routine over the summer and spend at least 30 minutes a day reading.

Families play a vital role in fostering a love for reading. Families can promote six reading elements recommended for "every child, every day," including the suggestions that children read texts they choose, read with accuracy and comprehension, write and talk about their thinking about what they read, as well as listen to adults reading fluently. Reading aloud to your child can help them increase their own reading fluency and vocabulary, especially when they follow along with the text.

Connecting with other people about what we read can also grow our thinking and excitement about reading, so we encourage children to talk about their reading with friends and family. This could include reading the same books together or sharing about favorite books - in person or via technology. This Choice Board for After Reading a Book contains prompts for thinking, talking, and writing about reading.

We recommend reading printed books and periodicals if you have access to them. To access books and articles digitally, we invite you to consider these free resources:

- Digital Books through Our Public Libraries and Libby App
- OpenLibrary.org
- myON - access via Clever (see myON Student Intro & Clever Guides for Desktops & iPads)
- CommonLit Resources - can create a free parent account
- NEWSELA - can create a free student or parent account - adjust text level for news & nonfiction
- Learning A-Z / RAZ Kids - access via Clever (see Clever Guides for Desktops & iPads)

Please work with your child to find texts based upon their interests and to expand their reading experiences by reading something new, such as non-fiction or a new series. You can help your child choose *just right* books, one that they can read independently, which is neither too difficult nor too easy. A good way to determine a *just right* book is to:

- ❖ turn to any page in the book and ask your child to read it to you;
- ❖ If the reader makes more than five errors the book is probably too difficult for independent reading but may be a good read-aloud book.

Below are assorted lists to help you find books with your child that may be available through our public libraries or your preferred online bookseller.

We invite you to share about your family's summer reading experiences on social media using the hashtag #ClarkstownReads. You may also invite your child to use Clarkstown's digital book log to keep track of their reading: https://tinyurl.com/clarkstownreads2022.

Also, keep an eye out for mailings from your local libraries for information about their summer reading initiatives.

On behalf of our district, we wish you a happy and healthy summer filled with reading pleasure.

Sincerely,
Dr. Linda Hatfield & Adam Weinstock
Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Book Lists

- Books by Guided Reading Levels | the-best-childrens-books.org
- Leveled Book Bins for myON (Levels C-N) (login to myON via Clever per above before clicking bin links)
- Recommended Books Lists | Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)
- Teachers College Reading & Writing Project Collections
- List of Kids' Book Series Sorted by Genre
- Notable Children's Books - 2021 | Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) - ALA
- Summer Reading: Book Lists and Tips for Every Age | Brightly
- The 2022 Ultimate List of Diverse Children's Books - Here Wee Read
- Best Children's Books of the Year - Bank St. College
- Best Spanish Language Picture Books of the Year - Bank St. College
- Children's Picture Books - Best Sellers - NYT
- Children's Series Books - Best Sellers - NYT
- Graphic Books and Manga - Best Sellers - NYT
- Children's Middle Grade Hardcover Books - Best Sellers - NYT
- Middle Grade Paperback Books - Best Sellers - NYT
- 50 Children's Books for Teaching Social Skills - We Are Teachers
- 53 Beautiful Social-Emotional Books for Children - Teaching Expertise