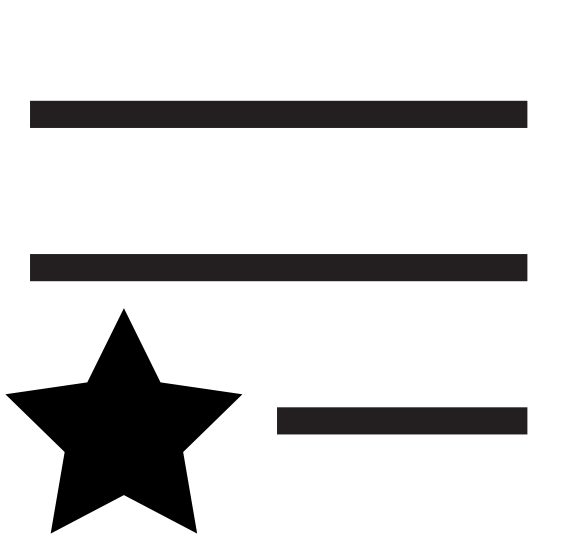




Summer Reading Matters



"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift."

"Reading aloud is an act of love."
— Kate DiCamillo

01 Prevents Summer Slide

Research shows that students can lose reading skills over the summer months without regular practice. These losses are cumulative — by upper elementary school, summer learning differences can account for a significant portion of the achievement gap.

02 Brain Building

In preschool through grade 2, children are building foundational neural pathways for:

- Vocabulary development
- Phonological awareness
- Comprehension skills
- Background knowledge

03 Neural Pathways

Regular read-alouds and independent reading strengthen these pathways.

ROBS Librarians have curated lists of fantastic read-alouds for your family. Visit the "Summer Reading" page for these lists.

04 Volume of Reading Predicts Achievement.

Students who read more — even just 15–20 minutes per day — encounter thousands more words per year than peers who rarely read. Exposure to words builds vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

05 Reading Builds Knowledge

The more children know about the world, the better they understand what they read. Summer reading expands background knowledge across science, history, and everyday life.

06 Motivation Matters

When children choose books they enjoy, they are more likely to:

- Develop positive reading identities
- See themselves as capable readers
- Enter the next school year confident and ready to learn.

07 What Families Can Do

- Read aloud every day (even after your child can read independently).
- Choose books based on interests.
- Visit the public library weekly.
- Talk about what you read — conversation builds comprehension.

08 Form a Habit of Reading

- 20 minutes a day makes a big difference.
- Small daily habits create lifelong readers.
- Model reading as an enjoyable activity.

