

Summer Reading for Families

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Welcome Families!

Summer Reading & Readiness

Helping Our Young Learners Grow at Home

- Reading together builds confident readers
- Learning should feel joyful and exciting
- Small moments every day make a BIG difference

"Read, Talk, Play, and Learn Every Day!"



Why Summer Reading Matters



Children grow when they:

- Hear stories read aloud
- Talk about books and pictures
- Practice letters and sounds
- Count and recognize numbers
- Write and draw often

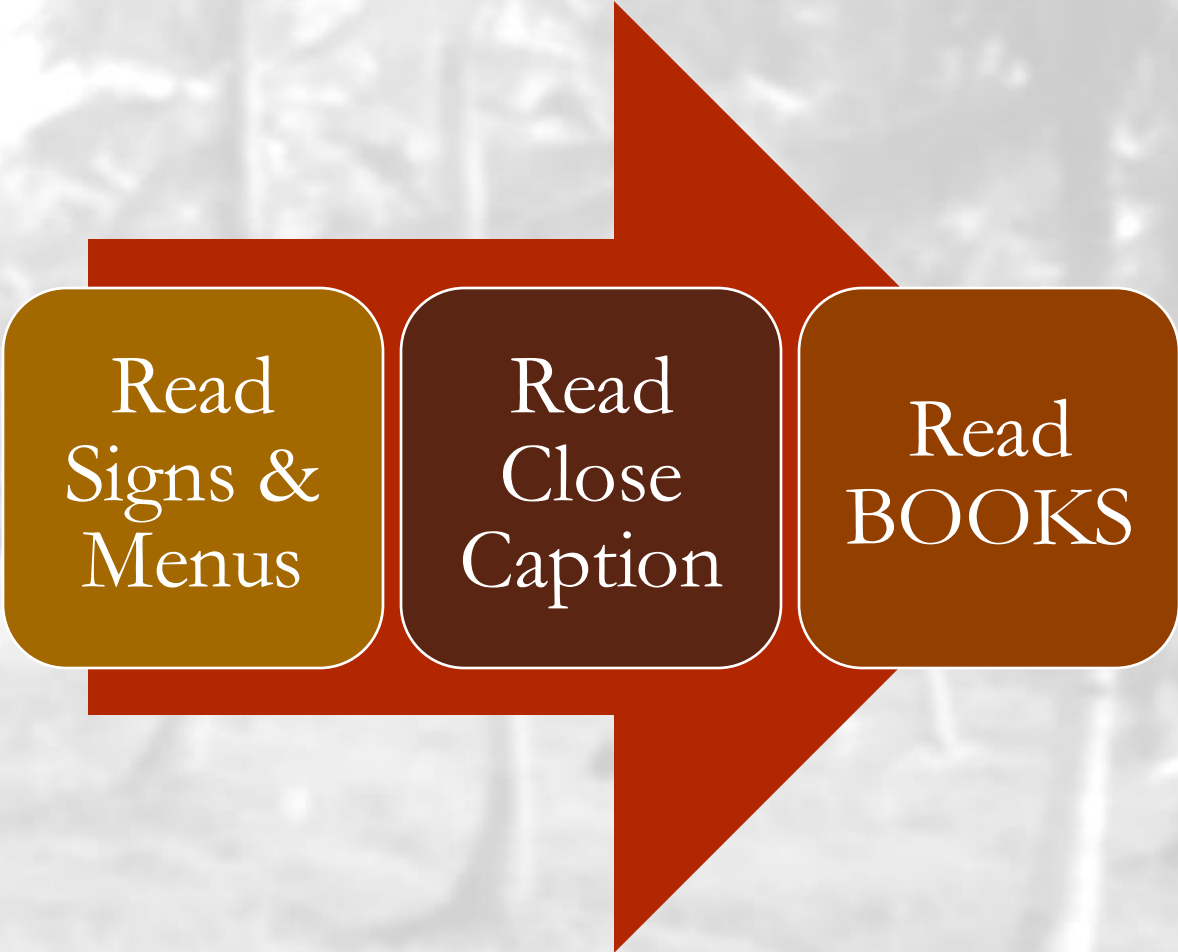
Just 15–20 minutes each day can make a huge difference!

Reading Should Be FUN!

Make reading enjoyable:

- Read with excitement and expression
- Let children pick books they enjoy
- Re-read favorite stories
- Read before bedtime
- Read signs, menus, labels, and recipes together

Celebrate effort, curiosity, and imagination!



Read
Signs &
Menus

Read
Close
Caption

Read
BOOKS

Goals: Becoming Skilled Readers



Students should practice identifying:

- Text Features
- Author's Purpose & Craft

Fun Practice Ideas

- Alphabet puzzles
- Magnetic letters
- Letter hunts around the house
- Writing letters with crayons, paint, shaving cream, or chalk

Writing Practice

Students should practice writing:

- Their first name
- Their last name
- Parents' names

Encourage:

- Proper pencil grip
- Writing from left to right
- Using uppercase and lowercase letters correctly

Fun Writing Ideas

- Write shopping lists
- Write cards to family members
- Label drawings and pictures

Number Recognition

Students should be able to:

- Identify numbers
- Match numbers to written words

Examples:

1 → one

2 → two

3 → three

Practice Ideas:

- Count toys and snacks
- Count steps while walking
- Number scavenger hunts
- Read number books together



Talk About Stories & Movies



Build comprehension through conversation!

After reading or watching a show, ask:

- What happened in the beginning?
- What happened in the middle?
- What happened at the end?
- Was there a problem?
- How was the problem solved?
- What caused the problem?

Talking builds vocabulary and thinking skills!

Visit the Public Library



Libraries open the door to adventure!

- Encourage families to:
- Get a library card
- Attend story time
- Borrow books weekly
- Participate in summer reading programs

Reading together creates lifelong learners.

Digital Reading with SORA

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Students can read books online using Sora

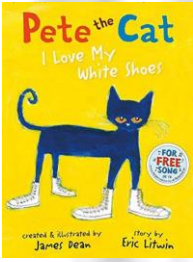
Families can:

- Access digital books anytime
- Read on tablets, phones, or computers
- Explore audiobooks and picture books

How to Access:

- Open the SORA app or website
- Select our school district
- Log in with student credentials
- Start reading!





Recommended Books

Favorite Kindergarten Books

- The Day the Crayons Quit
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
- The Kissing Hand
- Elephant & Piggie Series



Grade 1 Favorite Books

- Jabari Jumps – Gaia Cornwall
- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes – Eric Litwin
- The Pigeon has to Go to School! – Mo Willems
- Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Peña

More Book Recommendations

Grade 2

- Mercy Watson to the Rescue – Kate DiCamillo
- Henry and Mudge: The First Book – Cynthia Rylant
- The Rabbit Listened – Cori Doerrfeld
- Dragons and Marshmallows – Asia Citro
- The Year of Billy Miller – Kevin Henkes

Grade 3

- Because of Winn-Dixie – Kate DiCamillo
- The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
- Frindle – Andrew Clements
- Ways to Make Sunshine – Renée Watson
- Charlotte's Web – E.B. White

Book Recommendations: Grades 4-6

Grade 4

- Wonder – R.J. Palacio
- The One and Only Ivan – Katherine Applegate
- Fish in a Tree – Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Grade 5

- New Kid – Jerry Craft
- Ghost – Jason Reynolds
- Hatchet – Gary Paulsen

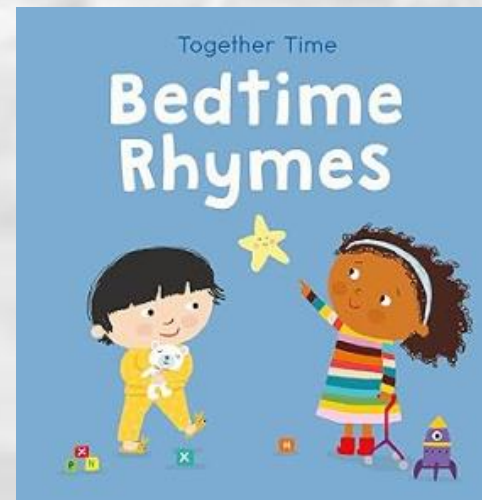
Grade 6

- Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson
- The Crossover – Kwame Alexander
- Restart – Gordon Korman
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

Daily Summer Learning Ideas

Easy Activities at Home

- Read every day
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes
- Practice letters and numbers
- Draw and write
- Talk during meals and car rides
- Play educational games
- Visit parks, museums, and libraries



New York State Summer Reading Theme: “Unearth a Story”

This year’s theme encourages children to:

- Discover new stories
- Explore history and imagination
- Ask questions
- Learn through adventure and curiosity

Reading helps children uncover new worlds!



Learning Is Everywhere!

Summer learning can happen:

- At home
- At the library
- At museums
- During family trips
- While watching movies and TV
- During conversations

Every experience can become a story!



Free & Low-Cost Museum Opportunities

Explore Museums This Summer!

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

- New York State residents can pay what they wish
- Students from NY, NJ, and CT may visit for free or reduced cost
- Great opportunity to talk about art, history, and storytelling

Museum of Modern Art

- Free admission on the first Friday of each month
- 4:00 PM–8:00 PM for New York residents
- Wonderful opportunity for family learning



Long Island Library Passes

Your Library Card Opens Doors!

Many Long Island libraries offer:

FREE Museum Passes for Families

Including access to:

Long Island Children's Museum

Families can:

- Borrow museum passes
- Visit museums for free
- Explore hands-on learning together

Tips:

- Check with your local library
- Some passes are printable
- Some require pickup and return

Library cards can also provide:

- Discounts to attractions
- Seasonal programs
- Family events and performances



Reading Can Earn FUN Rewards!

Barnes & Noble

- Students in Grades 1–6 can earn a FREE book
- Read 8 books and complete a reading journal

Chuck E. Cheese

- Earn free play points
- Read daily for two weeks

Nothing Bundt Cakes

- Earn a FREE Bundtlet for reading

Reading every day builds strong brains and happy readers!



Questions Families Can Ask Every Day

Talk, Think, and Wonder Together

- While reading or watching TV, ask:
- What happened first?
- What happened next?
- How did the story end?
- What was the problem?
- How was it solved?
- What caused the problem?
- What was your favorite part?

Conversation builds vocabulary and thinking skills!



Unearth a Story This Summer!

Read • Explore • Imagine • Discover

- Together, we can help children:
- Become confident readers
- Build vocabulary
- Strengthen thinking skills
- Develop curiosity
- Fall in love with learning

**Every book opens a new
adventure!**

