

# Summer Reading



We have such strong hope that you will make reading a part of your family's summer. It is not just about keeping up with the skill of decoding but it is to continue to work with the meanings and ideas that authors have offered to us and to grow in our ability to articulate our own thoughts and ideas. Our thinking and writing cannot mature without growth in our language.

Some ideas to help things go smoothly:

- Have a set time each day for reading.
- Choose the topic of highest interest for your child.
- Have thoughtful questions ready to spur discussions about the book.
- Have your child choose an interesting passage to read to the rest of the family.
- Read portions of the book with them.
- Visit the library to explore books of interest.

**"I want my students to learn what life readers know: reading is its own reward. Reading is a university course in life; it makes us smarter by increasing our vocabulary and background knowledge of countless topics Reading allows us to travel to destinations that we will never experience outside of the pages of a book. Reading is a way to find friends who have the same problems we do and who can give advice on solving those problems. Through reading, we can witness all that is noble, beautiful, or horrifying about other human beings. From a book's characters, we can learn how to conduct ourselves. And most of all, reading is a communal act that connects you to other readers, comrades who have traveled to the same remarkable places that you have and been changed by them, too."**

**Donalyn Miller, The Book Whisperer.**