



Summer Reading 2010

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Quick Summer Tips for Parents

Reading is fun! Summer is the perfect time to explore many different reading opportunities. Capitalize on your child's interests—read maps, song lyrics, recipes, or start a book club. Summer is also a good time to experiment with different types of books. You might even want to share some of your childhood favorites.

Linda Gambrell of the International Reading Association notes when summer comes along, many students experience summer reading loss. Research indicates that students score significantly higher on standardized

tests at the end of the school year than they do on the same standardized tests taken at the end of the summer—and this loss is particularly evident in reading.

The key to overcoming summer reading loss is finding ways to get books into the hands of students during the summer break. Here are four quick tips for parents to increase the odds that their children will choose to read over the summer.

- Schedule weekly trips to the public library to pick out books they want to read.

- Have your child select some library books **they** would like **you** to read aloud.
- Encourage your child to read in bed - some parents even allow their children to stay up later **IF** they are reading in bed.
- Purchase an inexpensive camera and notebook. Have your child create a picture journal of summer experiences.

S. Horowitz, S. Crowley and C. Butler

Summer Samplings

There are numerous resources on the Internet that promote reading. Check these out!

- <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/index.htm>
- <http://www.summerlearning.org>
- <http://www.readkiddoread.com>
- <http://www.starfall.com>



Bedwell Student Favorites

Favorite Picture Books

- Elephant & Piggie (Willems)
- Fly Guy (Arnold)
- Trucktown (Scieszka)
- Skippyjon Jones (Schachner)
- Click Clack Moo (Cronin)
- Fancy Nancy (O'Connor)
- Bad Kitty (Bruel)
- Henry and Mudge (Rylant)
- Slippers (Clements)

Series—Younger Readers

- Ready, Freddy! (Klein)
- Black Lagoon (Thaler)
- Weird School (Gutman)
- Arthur (Brown)

Favorite Series

- Horrible Harry (Klein)
- Ivy + Bean (Barrows)
- A-Z Mysteries/Capital Mysteries (Roy)
- Judy Moody/Stink (McDonald)
- Rainbow Magic (Meadows)
- Puppy Place (Miles)
- Magic Puppy (Bentley)
- Bailey School Kids (Dadey)
- Babymouse (Holm)
- Mercy Watson (DiCamillo)

Favorite Series—Older Readers

- Gecko & Sticky (VanDraanen)
- The Doll People (Martin)
- Wimpy Kid (Kinney)
- Emily Windsnap (Kessler)
- The Chronicles of Narnia (Lewis)
- Choose Your own Adventure (various authors)
- Percy Jackson (Riordan)
- The Penderwicks (Birdsall)
- Gregor (Collins)
- Mysterious Benedict Society (Stewart)

Student's Name _____

Homeroom: _____



Directions

- Before returning the calendar to school—write your child's name and homeroom for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Optimally your child should read or be read to **everyday**.
- **Color the square** or **mark the days** during the summer that your child reads.
- Sign the form and **return to school by Friday, September 10.**
- Any child who reads at least **twice a week** will be recognized.



July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Parent Signature: _____

Please return by September 10, 2010.