

Read-Aloud Tips

- Make the read-aloud fun:
 - Try different voices
 - Reread sections or parts that are exciting
 - Have your child read parts together with you
- Ask questions and share thoughts about the book (just a couple of questions is great):
 - Who are the characters? What do you think they will do next?
 - Check out the pictures - what do you notice? Example: How does the illustrator show the character is scared?
 - What did you like about the story? What would you change?
 - What have you learned from the book?
- Good readers are always thinking and making connections as they read. A book may remind you or your child of other books you have read, experiences you have had, or places you have visited. Feel free to pause and make connections as you read aloud. Helping children think about what they are reading is a wonderful way to make reading more meaningful and more fun!
- Younger children may want to read the same story over and over again. That's great! After several rereadings, have your child retell the story to you in his or her own words.

Most of all, HAVE FUN!



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Dear Families,

Summer is here! It is a wonderful time to relax, play, and enjoy some family time. Reading with your child is the perfect opportunity to spend time together. Reading time can be lots of fun! Read in a fort, outside under a tree, or cozied up on a couch. Reading with your child will help him/her grow in the love of reading.

The benefits of reading are endless. While you are reading with your child, he/she has the opportunity to share ideas, thoughts, and feelings about what is being read. Your child may begin to identify with and relate to characters and events within the story. This helps to

promote creative thoughts, new ideas, and endless discussion. Your rich read-alouds will also help your child build background knowledge and vocabulary.

Another reading opportunity is to have your child read to a stuffed animal, a pet, a sibling, a babysitter, and, of course, you! Your child can also listen to

audiobooks. The public library has audiobooks available to borrow and also provides access to the Libby app. Library staff can show you how to borrow e-books and audiobooks on the Libby app for free! There are thousands of children's books accessible to all public library patrons.

The more reading experiences your child has, the stronger the foundation will be for our young emerging readers and writers.

The goal of summer reading is to foster a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Happy Reading!



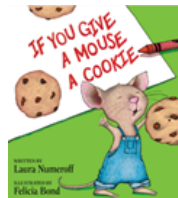


Summer reading can be so much fun! We have created a list below of books you and your child might enjoy, but these are just suggestions. Children should choose books about topics they find interesting! Sports, animals, mysteries, adventure, fairies, dinosaurs... If children read about what they love, they will grow to love reading, and in the process they will retain their reading skills from the previous school year.

Fun Books to Share

*Possible choices for your child to read independently

- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- The Magic Hat by Mem Fox
- Pet Show by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey *
- Piggie & Gerald by Mo Willems *
- Pigeon series by Mo Willems *
- Pete the Cat series by James Dean *



Great Authors to Share

- Lois Ehlert
- Pat Hutchins
- Dr. Seuss
- Laura Numeroff
- Mo Willems
- Matthew A. Cherry
- Cynthia Rylant
- Arnold Lobel

- Jory John
- Andrea Beaty
- Trudy Ludwig
- Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Julia Cooke
- John Grogan



Math in Picture Books

- How Much is a Million? By David M. Schwartz
- One Potato: A Counting Book of Potato Prints by Diana Pomeroy
- Ten Sly Piranhas: A Counting Story in Reverse (A Tale of Wickedness - and Worse!) by William Wise

Online Decodable Books *Possible choices for your child to read independently

- The Flyleaf Publishing company has a free online collection of decodable readers for children. These books are helpful when students are learning to decode certain patterns. Here's the link:

<https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/learners-resources/>

- The Half-Pint Kids company also has free decodable readers available online. Here is the link for those readers:

<https://halfpintkids.com/online-materials/>

Explore your local public library for books to read with your child! Our town librarians are book experts. They have thousands of amazing books that they want to share with you. Whatever your child is interested in, **there's a book for that!**



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