



“Early Learning - The Foundation” **Reading to Early Learners During the Summer**




Reading to young children during the summer is one of the most powerful ways to support their lifelong success. With 90% of brain development occurring before the age of five, summer is a crucial time to stimulate young minds. Reading aloud activates early brain development, strengthens comprehension, and sparks imagination. It helps children expand their vocabulary, develop language and literacy skills, and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Books offer more than just words—they provide opportunities for children to name and explore emotions, building essential social-emotional skills. Reading routines also improve attention span, boost memory, and reinforce key cognitive abilities needed for success in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Whether it's a bedtime story or a morning read-aloud, each moment spent reading fosters connection, encourages curiosity, and prepares children for a strong start in school and beyond.


Summer Reading Goals

- ☐ Read for at least 20 minutes.
- ☐ Read at least twice a day.

Virtual Bookshelf

- ☐ Choose a topic of interest from the book slides  Summer Break Library Williams .
- ☐ Click the picture to listen.
- ☐ Ask questions (sample):
 - What is this story about?
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - How many words (or letters) are on the page?
 - Who is the story mostly about?
 - How many words can you find that start with the letter _____?
 - What did you like about the story?
 - What did you not like about the story?

Helpful At-Home Links and Activities:

- ☐  PreK Asynchronous Day Schedule
- ☐ [Georgia PreK At Home](#)
- ☐ [Reading Rockets: The PreK Years](#)
- ☐ [Do It Yourself June Summer Learning Calendar](#)
- ☐ [Do It Yourself July Summer Learning Calendar](#)

Join the Early Learning Department for Summer Literacy Support:

- ☐ (Virtual) Storytime: June (twice) and July (twice): Jun 10, 2025 4:00 PM Jun 17, 2025 4:00 PM
Jul 16, 2025 12:00 PM Jul 23, 2025 12:00 PM <https://clayton-k12-ga-us.zoom.us/j/93595671913?jst=2>
- ☐ (Drive-Thru @Jackson Elementary) Literacy Express - Summer Edition - Jun 2, 2025 3:00 PM Jul 8, 2025 3:00 PM
- ☐ (Virtual) Parent Engagement for PreK (P.E.P.): Jun 10, 2025 10:00 AM and Jun 17, 2025 4:00 PM

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