

Encouraging Lifelong Readers

Here we are at the end of the school year. Summer is fast approaching and families are planning summer activities. Our children are looking forward to lounging around, playing outdoors, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Summer is a time for fun in the sun! But summer can also be a time when our children lose valuable reading gains that they tried so hard to obtain during the school year. Reading can be fun too, if children are constantly exposed to it. Please remember to include reading activities for the children in your summer plans to help our children continue on their path to becoming lifelong readers. Let's face it, struggling and nonreaders are limited, whereas many opportunities become available to great readers. We want our children to be great readers and soar!

Following are some suggestions that will help:

Things to Do:

- talk to your child about their interests
- plan outings (everyday places) to expose your child to real world experiences that will build background knowledge, introduce them to new interests, and provide culturally significant information
- provide your child with a variety of books to choose from
- give books as gifts
- let your child see you reading and discussing books with others
- have your child join a book club
- go to the library
- have your child share with you what they have read
- schedule reading time at home (continue 4 steps a day: 1 hour)
- 1 chapter book a week
- have them read books on their level to increase fluency, comprehension, stamina, and confidence

Reading Levels

100 Book Challenge	Lexile
1B-2B	200L-400L
1R-2R	300L-500L
Wh	500L-700L
Bk	650L-750L

Summer Reading List

200L-400L:

Chapter Book 1: Magic Tree House-Dinosaurs Before Dark (series)

Shoeshine

Chapter Book 2: A Lion to Guard Us

300L-500L:

Chapter Book 1: A Hare Raising Tail

Julian's Glorious Summer

Bears on Hemlock Mountain

Pioneer Cat

Cam Jensen-Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones (series)

Chapter Book 2: The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayer's Academy #1)

Children's Novel: Clues in the Woods

500L:-700L:

Chapter Book 1: Invisible Stanley

Rats on the Roof

Stone Fox

Sarah Plain and Tall

The Silver Balloon

Time Warp Trio-Knights of the Kitchen Table

Chapter Book 2: Help! I'm a Prisoner at the Library

Encyclopedia Brown-The Case of the Secret Pitch (series)

Sable

Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery

Children's Novel: Davy Crocket (graphic novel)

Strawberry Girl

Charlotte's Web

The Black Stallion

Snow Treasure

Anastasia Krupnik

650L-850L:

Chapter Book 1: A Toad for Tuesday

Chapter Book 2: Gooseberry Park

Lady Lollipop

Children's Novel: Toliver's Secret

Hardy Boys-The Tower Treasure (series)

A Bear Called Paddington

The Eighteenth Emergency

Misty of Chincoteague

All-of-a-Kind Family

Little House on the Prairie

The Sign of the Beaver

Trouble River

Kit Carson

Mr. Tucker

Call it Courage

Resources:

- www.startwithabook.org
- www.atyourlibrary.org
- www.firstbook.org
- www.raisingreader.org
- www.rif.org
- www.education.com
- www.lexile.com

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child. It has been a pleasure having them in my class.

Your child's third grade teacher,

Mrs. Eugene