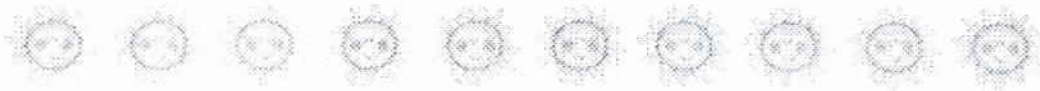


# GREAT SUMMER READING TIPS!



Your students have grown to be great readers this year. They have gained many reading skills that will still need to be practiced over the summer to ensure retention. Thus, it is important to keep your students reading over the summer. Summer reading can bridge the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.



## *Why do summer reading?*



Increase reading level  
Individualize reading material  
Language skills  
Vocabulary  
Ethics  
Expand World

Below you will find some tips to make summer reading a fun experience for you and your child. On the next page, you will find our suggestions of great books to read for the summer. We hope this list will help you find many books that a new second grader would enjoy.



## *Some Tips, Tips, Tips for Summer Reading!!!!*



- o **Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sports bags and campers' backpacks.**
- o **Get your child his own library card.**  
*Take or allow him to go to the library often browse for books and enjoy special activities.*
- o **Help your child select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level.**  
*A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.*
- o **Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.**

## Summer Reading List - Grades K - 1- 2

Kindergarten - Select from these or any other age appropriate authors.

Dr. Seuss	Erza Jack Keats	Mercer Mayer
Maurice Sendak	Leo Lionni	Lillian & Russel Hoban
Mother Goose Rhymes	Eric Carle	Stan & Jan Berenstain
Sherry Kafka	Margaret & H. A. Rey	

### Grade 1

Martha Alexander	Eric Carle	Pat Hutchins
Robert Kraus	Leo Lionni	Robert McKloskey
Peggy Parish	Maurice Sendak	Arnold Lobel
Harry Allard - (The Miss Nelson Series)	Stan & Jan Berenstain Magic School Bus Books Henry & Mudge Series	Charlotte Zolotow Arthur Chapter Books

Easy to Read - Dr. Seuss - Little Bear Series - Little Critter Series

### Grade 2

This is a suggested list of authors - you may read books of other authors that are appropriate grade level reading for the student.

Chris Van Allsburg	Jane O'Connor	Mem Fox
Beverly Cleary	Jane Volens	Marc Brown
Paul O. Zelinsky	A. A. Milne	Tomie de Paula
Rike Levinson	Maurice Sendak	Steven Kellogg
Margery Sharp	Elizabeth Levy	Ludwig Nemeimans
Juke Mavis	Patricia Coombs	Bill Peet
Jean Marzollo	Dorothy Haas	William Steig
Suzy Kline	Carolyn Haywood	Jan Brett
Patricia Reilly Giff	Stan & Jan Berenstain	Felicia Bond
James Howe	Jack Prelutsky	Paul Gobel

Mary Pope Osbourne (Magic Tree House Series)  
Jon Scieszka (Time Warp Trio Series)  
Debbie Dadey & Marcia Thornton Jones (Bailey School Kid Series)  
David Adler (Cam Jansen Series)

### Each student needs to read four books from the grade level he/she was in for the year 2008-2009.

**REMEMBER** to challenge your child(ren). Please choose appropriate books.

## Reading Verification Form K-1-2

You can assist your child's teacher by filling out a verification form each time your son/daughter has completed a book or reading assignment for the Summer Reading Program.

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ read

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Author

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ read

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
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