

# Summer Reading 2021

## Be a Reading Family and Commit to Summer Reading!

The research says: "Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child's reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs" (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent: when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

Our goal is to keep students reading year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop the summer learning slide.

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## Tails AND Tales



## Suggested reading for students entering Pre-Kindergarten

*A Big Guy Took My Ball!* by Mo Willems

*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars*  
by Seth Fishman

*Another* by Christian Robinson

*A Sick Day for Amos McGee*  
by Phillip C. Stead

*Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris

*Bedtime for Sweet Creatures*  
by Nikki Grimes

*Big Boys Cry* by Jonty Howley

*The Big Umbrella*  
by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates

*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett

*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd

*Get Off that Camel!* by A.H. Benjamin

*Have You Seen Elephant?*  
by David Barrow

*Hey Water* by Antoinette Portis

*The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)* by Patrick McDonnell

*The Old Truck*  
by Jarrett Pumphrey and Jerome Pumphrey  
*¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z!* by Lulu Delacre

*Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!*  
by Mike Twohy

*Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett

*Skulls!* by Blair Thornburgh

*This Is The Nest That Robin Built*  
by Denise Fleming

*When's My Birthday?* by Julie Fogliano

*Windows* by Julia Denos

## Tips for Families

- Be sure the summer schedule includes trips to the library.
- Encourage your child to talk with you about the books he/she is reading.

## Suggested reading for students entering Kindergarten

*A Hungry Lion, or a Dwindling Assortment of Other Animals*  
by Lucy Ruth Cummins

*Alma and How She Got Her Name*  
by Juana Martinez-Neal

*Balance the Birds* by Susie Ghahremani

*Cricket in the Thicket* by Carol Murray  
*Danbi Leads the School Parade*  
by Anna Kim

*The Day the Crayons Came Home*  
by Drew Daywalt

*The Good for Nothing Button!*  
by Charise Harper

*Good Rosie* by Kate DiCamillo

*I am the Storm*  
by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple

*If Sharks Disappeared* by Lily Williams

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

*The King of Kindergarten*  
by Derrick Barnes

*Last Stop on Market Street*  
by Matt de la Pena

*My People* by Langston Hughes  
*Parker Looks Up*  
by Parker Curry & Jessica Curry

*Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes* by Eric Litwin

*Saturday* by Oge Mora

*Truman* by Jean Reidy

*Under My Hijab* by Hena Khan

*Waiting* by Kevin Henkes

*Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli

*We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen

*Who Wet My Pants?* by Bob Shea

- Turn off the TV and video games for part of each day. Set aside time throughout the day to share and talk about the books you are both reading.
- Be a model for reading.

## Suggested reading for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

*The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure* by Doreen Cronin

*Fox + Chick (series)* by Sergio Ruzzier

*The Camping Trip, by Jennifer K. Mann*

*The Day the Crayons Quit*  
by Drew Daywalt

*Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera*  
by Candace Fleming

*In Plain Sight* by Richard Jackson

*The Iridescence of Birds*  
by Patricia MacLachlan

*Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall

*Lift* by Minh Lê

*Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons*  
by Laura Purdie Salas

*Melia and Jo* by Billy Aronson

*My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories*  
by Salina Yoon

*The Panda Problem*  
by Deborah Underwood

*Penny and Her Song* by Kevin Henkes

*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family*  
by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali

*Red, A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall

*Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie

*We Are in a Book!* by Mo Willems

- Encourage your child to read all types of materials: newspapers, information books, comics, picture books, chapter books, magazines, and poetry, rhymes and even riddles.

## Suggested reading for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

*Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty

*The Bad Seed* by Jory John

*Because* by Mo Willems

*A Butterfly is Patient*  
by Dianna Hutts Aston

*Can I Eat That?* by Joshua David Stein

*Charlie and Mouse (series)*  
by Laurel Snyder

*Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built*  
by Angela Burke Kunkel

*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Series* by Jeff Brown

*Fly Guy Presents (series)*  
by Tedd Arnold

*Goodnight Already* by Jory John

*I Talk Like A River* by Jordan Scott

*Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home*  
by Sy Montgomery

*Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere*  
by Barb Rosenstock

*Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us*  
by Lauren Castillo

*See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog*  
by David LaRochelle

*The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal*  
by Nick Seluk

*The Water Princess* by Susan Verde  
Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

*Yasmin (series)* by Saadia Faruqi

*Your Place in the Universe*  
by Jason Chin

- Always praise your child's efforts and interest in books.
- You can help prevent reading loss this summer!

## Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

**Scholastic Literacy Pro**  
**Scholastic Short Reads** | Classlink

**iReady MyPath** | Classlink

**AACPS Summer Programs**  
[www.aacps.org/summer2021](http://www.aacps.org/summer2021)

**Reading Rockets**  
[www.readingrockets.org/article/391](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/391)  
10 weeks of summer reading adventures for kids.

**ReadWriteThink**  
[www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources](http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources)  
Parent & After-school resources; leveled by grade (K-12).

**Epic**  
[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)  
Over 35,000 digital texts

**Discovery Kids**  
[online.kidsdiscover.com](http://online.kidsdiscover.com)  
Discover all the world has to offer.

**Starfall**  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
Great site to practice literacy skills.

## Parent Resources

[www.aacpl.net/summer](http://www.aacpl.net/summer)

[www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en](http://www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en)

[www.scholastic.com/parents/](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/)

[www.pbs.org/parents/](http://www.pbs.org/parents/)

[www.todayparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/](http://www.todayparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/)



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For more information contact the Elementary Reading & Integrated Literacy Office at 410-222-5455

**Sign up for the 2021 Summer @ Your Library Challenge**

To sign-up online go to [aacpl.beanstack.org](http://aacpl.beanstack.org)