

Dear Families,

Summer is a great time to relax! It's also a great time to continue to develop the important reading skills we've been working on all year. At our school, we recommend that every student read for 15 minutes a day, all summer long. To make summer reading happen more easily, we're sending home a Summer Reading Bag with your child. These books are yours to keep. Filled with books your child has chosen, we hope your child will spend some time every day relaxing and reading this summer.

Here are three quick tips to help you get your children reading - and keep them reading - this summer:

**Read together.**

You can read to your child, or have your child read to you. Taking turns page by page and reading with lots of expression are fun ways to keep the pages turning. When you finish a book, talk about it. "What did you like about that book? Why was that character interesting? What new words did you learn?"

**Make reading a habit.**

Set aside a time each day, like after supper or before bed, for reading. Another idea is having a daily "quiet time" for reading. When it's hot outside, grab a book and relax. Books and magazines can be a great way to take a break from all the summer activities.

**Make it fun and easy.**

Let your child choose books according to his or her interest and comfort level. It's okay if a book seems too easy or if it's one they have read 10 times. Rereading books and books that can be read easily help your child build reading fluency.

We hope you have a reading-filled summer, and look forward to seeing you again in August!

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