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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Why do educators, librarians, and government officials go to such great lengths to encourage children to read during the summer? Research shows that students who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency. The simple act of reading increases a child's ability! For this reason, we ask that you establish summer routines that allow your child to read for *at least* twenty minutes per day.

Research also shows that choice positively impacts reading ability. While we have created a summer reading list, it is only a guide. We encourage children to read which ever books they find interesting, even if the titles are not on the list. Please help your child select an appropriate book. As a general guideline, a book is appropriate when a child makes 1-2 mistakes per page.

Children entering grades K-5 are asked to list titles of books they have read over the summer on the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Journal. We are also asking that you discuss the books with your children. For your convenience, we have included some conversation starters and online resources.

Happy reading and we'll see you on August 27th!

Cordially,

Elementary Reading Department
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Discussing Books with Children

Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you select this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Does this book remind you of anything you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What do you think is going to happen?

While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- Will you catch me up on the story? What's happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- If the book was a TV show, which actors would you cast in it?
- Where is the book set?
- If the main character in that story lived next door, would you guys be friends?
- What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

If your child encounters a difficult word, help by saying:

- What can you do?
- Check the picture. (when appropriate)
- Say the first sound.
- What would make sense?
- Chunk the word.
- These cues should not take more than a few seconds. If your child continues to struggle, give him/her the word.

After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?
- Did the problem of the book's plot get solved?
- If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?
- Compare and contrast the theme/main idea of this book to another book you've read.

Online Resources for Reading

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Journal

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&Q=320322>

Nutmeg Books

<http://www.nutmegaward.org/83043/index.html>

A Book and a Hug.com

<http://www.abookandahug.com/>

Guys Read

<http://www.guysread.com/>

Starfall

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Entering Kindergarten

The following is a list of suggested authors and titles for students entering kindergarten to read during the summer. Students may also choose other children's books by these authors to read.

Aardema, Verna	<i>Who's in Rabbit's House?</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>Just a Dream</i>
Ahlberg, Allan/ Janet	<i>Each Peach Pear Plum</i>
Asch, Frank	<i>Mooncake</i>
Bang, Molly	<i>Ten, Nine, Eight</i>
Berenstain, Stan/ Jan	<i>The Berenstain Bears series</i>
Bridwell, Norman	<i>Clifford series</i>
Brown, Marc	<i>Arthur series</i>
Brown, Margaret Wise	<i>The Runaway Bunny</i>
Brett, Jan	<i>Town Mouse, Country Mouse</i>
Carle, Eric	<i>Mister Seahorse</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus series</i>
Cooney, Barbara	<i>Roxaboxen</i>
Crews, Donald	<i>Truck</i>
dePaola, Tomi	<i>Pancakes for Breakfast</i>
Dillon, Leo/ Diane	<i>Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose</i>
Dr. Seuss	<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>
Fox, Mem	<i>Koala Lou</i>
Hoff, Syd	<i>The Horse in Harry's Room</i>
Hoban, Tana	<i>White on Black</i>
Hutchins, Pat	<i>Rosie's Walk</i>
Inkpen, Mick	<i>Lullabyhullaballo!</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>The Mysterious Tadpole</i>
Lionni, Leo	<i>Little Blue and Little Yellow</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad series</i>
Marshall, James	<i>Red Riding Hood</i>
Martin Jr., Bill	<i>Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What do you see?</i>
Mayer, Mercer	<i>Little Critter series</i>
Minarik, Else Holmeslund	<i>Little Bear series</i>
Munsch, Robert	<i>Smelly Socks</i>
Oxenbury, Helen	<i>It's My Birthday</i>
Numeroff, Laura	<i>If You Give a Dog a Donut</i>
Pfister, Marcus	<i>Just the Way You Are</i>
Potter, Beatrice	<i>Peter Rabbit</i>
Rathmann, Peggy	<i>10 Minutes till Bedtime</i>
Rey, Margret	<i>Curious George series</i>
Rockwell, Anne	<i>One Bean</i>
Scarry, Richard	<i>Cars and Trucks and Things That Go</i>
Sendak, Maurice	<i>Bumble-ardy</i>

Wells, Rosemary
Wood, Audrey/ Don
Zolotow, Charlotte

Bunny Cakes
The Napping House
I Like to be Little

Entering Grade 1:

The following is a list of suggested authors and titles for students entering grade one to read during the summer. Students may also choose other children's books by these authors to read.

Anderson, Brian	<i>The Prince's New Pet</i>
Arnold, Ted	<i>Buzz Boy and Fly Guy</i>
Barton, Chris	<i>Shark vs. Train</i>
Berger, Carin	<i>Forever Friends</i>
Bottner, Barbara	<i>Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don't)</i>
Bradfield, Jolly Roger	<i>The Pickle-Chiffon Pie Olympics</i>
Brett, Jan	<i>The Umbrella</i>
Cohen, Miriam	<i>When Will I Read?</i>
D'Amico, Carmella	<i>Ella the Elegant Elephant</i>
Demas, Corinne	<i>Always in Trouble</i>
Fore, S.J.	<i>Read to Tiger</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Little White Rabbit</i>
Hills, Tad	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i>
Keller, Laurie	<i>Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners</i>
Kraus, Robert	<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i>
Krosoczka, Jarrett	<i>Punk Farm</i>
Lies, Brian	<i>Bats at the Ballgame</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad Together</i>
McDonnell, Patrick	<i>Me...Jane</i>
McMullen, Kate	<i>Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day</i>
Muth, Jon J.	<i>Zen Ties</i>
Pinkney, Jerry	<i>The Lion and the Mouse</i>
Priceman, Marjorie	<i>Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride</i>
Sidman, Joyce	<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>The Giving Tree</i>
Smith, Lane	<i>Grandpa Green</i>
Stine, David Ezra	<i>Interrupting Chicken</i>
Taulbert, Clifton L.	<i>Little Cliff's First Day of School</i>
Viorst, Judith	<i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible No Good Very Bad Day</i>
Wells, Rosemary	<i>Emily's First Hundred Days of School</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion</i>

Entering Grade 2:

The following is a list of suggested authors and titles for students entering grade two to read during the summer. Students may also choose other children's books by these authors to read.

Adler, David	<i>Young Cam Jansen series</i>
Arnosky, Jim	<i>All About Manatees (Non-Fiction)</i>
Biedrzycki, David.	<i>Me and My Dragon</i>
Brendler, Carol	<i>Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer</i>
Conahan, Carolyn	<i>The Big Wish</i>
Cousins, Lucy	<i>Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales</i>
D'Amico, Carmella	<i>Ella the Elegant Elephant</i>
Davis, Lee	<i>Dinosaur Dinners (Non-Fiction)</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes</i>
DiPucchio, Kelly	<i>Grace for President</i>
Graham, Bob	<i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i>
Guest, Elissa	<i>Iris and Walter series</i>
Howe, James	<i>Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk</i>
Jenkins, Emily	<i>Skunkdog</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Horrible Harry and Song Lee series</i>
Lin, Grace	<i>Ling and Ting, Not Exactly the Same</i>
MacDonald, Margaret	<i>Conejito</i>
Marshall, James	<i>Fox and His Friends series</i>
Mills, Claudia	<i>Gus and Grandpa</i>
O'Connell George, Kristen	<i>Little Dog and Duncan</i>
Palatini, Margie	<i>Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes</i>
Phillips, J.C.	<i>Wink</i>
Rathman Peggy	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>
Recorvits, Helen	<i>Yoon and the Jade Bracelet</i>
Sharmat, Marjorie	<i>Nate the Great series</i>
Sidman, Joyce	<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature (Non-Fiction)</i>
Spier, Peter	<i>People (Non-Fiction)</i>
Strum, James	<i>Adventures in Cartooning (Non-Fiction)</i>
Viorst, Judith	<i>Earrings</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>Elephant and Piggie series</i>

Entering Grade 3

The following is a list of suggested authors and titles for students entering grade three to read during the summer. Students may also choose other children's books by these authors to read.

Aardema, Verna	<i>Koi and the Kola Nuts: A Tale from Liberia</i>
Adler, David	<i>Cam Jansen series (and nonfiction books)</i>
Aliki	<i>Gods and Goddesses of Olympus (nonfiction)</i>
Avi	<i>Poppy</i>
Berger, Melvin	<i>Sharks And Other Wild Water Animals: 4 Underwater Stories (NF)</i>
Branley, Franklyn	<i>What the Moon is Like (nonfiction)</i>
Brown, Monica	<i>My Name is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz</i>
Campbell, Sarah	<i>Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers (nonfiction)</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>The Dog That Called the Pitch</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Muggie Maggie; Ramona Quimby</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Extra Credit</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus series</i>
Coville, Bruce	<i>Magic Shop series; Alien Adventure series</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Fantastic Mr. Fox; The BFG</i>
Delton, Judy	<i>Sonny's Secret</i>
dePaola, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson series</i>
Dubowski, Cathy	<i>Clara Barton - I Want to Help (Biography)</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>
Gantos, Jack	<i>Rotten Ralph</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Polar Bears (nonfiction)</i>
Hatkoff, Isabella	<i>Owen and Mzee: the True Story of a Remarkable Friendship (NF)</i>
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Babymouse series</i>
Jenkins, Steve	<i>Almost Gone: the World's Rarest Animals (nonfiction)</i>
Johnston, Tony	<i>The Quilt Story</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale Retold and Illustrated</i>
Kerley, Barbara	<i>The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins (nonfiction)</i>
Kimmel, Eric	<i>Anansi and the Talking Melon (folktales)</i>
King-Smith, Dick	<i>King Max (Planet Reader Chapter Books)</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Horrible Harry on the Ropes</i>
Krull, Kathleen	<i>Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played with Puppets (nonfiction)</i>
Lauber, Patricia	<i>How We Learned the Earth is Round (nonfiction)</i>
Levy, Elizabeth	<i>Parrots and Pirates</i>
Ling, Stanley	<i>Robots (nonfiction)</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Gooney Bird series</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall series</i>
Maestro, Betsy	<i>How Do Apples Grow? (nonfiction)</i>

Markle, Sandra	<i>Outside and Inside Bats</i> (nonfiction)
McDonald, Megan	<i>Stink: The Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Never Forgotten</i>
Mortenson, Greg	<i>Listen to the Wind</i> (nonfiction)
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House</i> series
Palatini, Marge	<i>Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes</i>
Peterson, John Lawrence	<i>Mystery in the Night Woods</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother; The Keeping Quilt</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>I've Lost My Hippopotamus</i> (poetry)
Rappaport, Doreen	<i>Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
Roy, Ron	<i>A to Z Mysteries</i> series
Rush, Elizabeth	<i>For the Love of Music; The Remarkable story of Maria Ann Mozart</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Cobble Street Cousins</i> series
Sachar, Louis	<i>Sideways Stories From Wayside School</i>
St. George, Judith	<i>Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln</i>
San Souci, Robert	<i>Six Foolish Fishermen</i> (folktales)
Sayre, April Pulley	<i>Stars Beneath your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust</i> (nonfiction)
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Wushu Were Here</i> (<i>Time Warp Trio</i> series)
Seuling, Barbara	<i>Robert Goes to Camp</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Autumn Across America</i> (nonfiction)
Smith, Charles R.	<i>Rimshots: Basketball Pix, Rolls, and Rhythms</i> (poetry)
Steig, William	<i>Brave Irene</i>
Stevenson, James	<i>The Bones in the Cliff</i>
Swanson, Diane	<i>Animals Can Be So Hard to See</i> (nonfiction)
Tallchief, Maria	<i>Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>Jumanji</i>
Winter, Jane	<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's life with Chimps</i>
Winter, Jeanette	<i>Wangari's Trees of Peace, a True Story of Africa</i>
Winter, Jonah	<i>Here comes the Garbage Barge!</i> (nonfiction) Yolen, Jane

Entering Grades 4 and 5

The following is a list of suggested authors and titles for students entering grades four and five to read during the summer. Students may also choose other children's books by these authors to read.

Avi	<i>Windcatcher; Crispin: The Cross of Lead; Poppy</i> , and sequels
Anderson, Laurie	<i>Fever; 1793</i>
Ayers, Katherine	<i>Macaroni Boy</i>
Balliet, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer; The Calder Game</i>
Banks, Lynn	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>
Barry, Dave	<i>Peter and the Star Catchers</i> , and sequels
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy and Bean Stories</i>
Berlin, Eric	<i>The Potato Chip Puzzle</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, two rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy</i>
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>The Skeleton Man; Heart of a Chief</i>
Buyea, Rob	<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Clayton, Sally Pomme	<i>Tales Told in Tents</i>
Clemens, Andrew	<i>Extra Credit; No Talking; Frindel</i>
Cody, Matthew	<i>Powerless</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl</i> and others in this series
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Gregor the Overlander</i> , and sequels
Cooper, Susan	<i>Over Sea; Under Stone</i>
Crisp, Marty	<i>White Star, a Dog on the Titanic</i>
Curtis, Christopher	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham; Elijah of Buxton</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Hate That Cat</i>
Davies, Jacqueline	<i>The Lemonade War</i>
DeFelice, Cynthia	<i>Signal; Ghost of Fossil Glen</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tale of Despereaux; Because of Winn-Dixie</i>
DePrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Embers</i> and sequels
Evans, Douglas	<i>MVP: Magellan Voyage Project</i>
Ferrari, Michael	<i>Born to Fly</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Fritz, Jean	<i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i>
Funk, Cornelia	<i>Dragon Rider</i>
Fusco, Kimberly	<i>The Wonder of Charlie Anne</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
George, Jean Craighead	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>
Gidwitz, Adam	<i>A Tale Dark and Grim</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Giff, Patricia	<i>Left-handed Short Stop</i>
Green, Tim	<i>Baseball Great</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Gutman, Dan	<i>Babe and Me; Million Dollar Shot; Roberto and Me</i>
Kehret, Peg	<i>Stolen Children</i>
Haddix, Margaret	<i>Among the Hidden; Double Identity</i> , and sequels
Hahn, Mary	<i>The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall</i>

Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The People Could Fly</i>
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	<i>Thunder from the Sea</i> , and sequels
Hest, Any	<i>The Private Notebook of Katie Roberts</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Scat</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Kokopelli's Flute</i>
Hollander, John, ed.	<i>American Poetry</i> (Poetry for Young People series)
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Stormbreaker</i>
Namioka, Lensy	<i>Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear</i>
Norton, Juster	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
Kirby, Matthew	<i>The Clockwork Three</i>
Korman, Gordon	<i>Swindle; Zoobreak</i> , and other titles, <i>Titanic</i> series
Kudlinski, Kathleen	<i>Rachel Carson: Pioneer of Ecology</i>
Lasky, Katherine	<i>The Capture (Guardians of Ga'Houle, Book 1)</i> , and sequels
L'Engle, Madeline	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Dave at Night</i>
Levitin, Sonya	<i>Coming to America</i>
Lin, Grace	<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee); <i>Year of the Dog</i>
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules; In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>
Mead, Alice	<i>Junebug</i> , and series
Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro Baseball League</i>
Nimmo, Jenny	<i>Charlie Bone</i> series
Park, Linda Sue	<i>Project Mulbury; A Single Shard; Kite Fighters</i>
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>The Adventures of Homer P. Figg</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Pinkney, Andrea	<i>Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Woodsong</i>
Raskin, Ellen	<i>The Westing Game</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lightning Thief</i> and series; <i>The Red Pyramid</i> and series
Robinson, Sharon	<i>Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed the World</i>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Riding Freedom; When Marion Sang</i>
Salisbury, Graham	<i>Night of the Howling Dogs</i>
Selznik, Greg.	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>A Light in The Attic; Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>
Snyder, Zilpha	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
Tashjian, Janet	<i>My Life as Book</i> (2013 Nutmeg Nominee)
Thirnmesh, Catherine	<i>Girls Think of Everything</i>
Thomson, Sarah L.	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i>
Van Draanen, W.	<i>Shredderman: Secret Identity</i> , and series
Vanderpool, Clare	<i>Moon Over Manifest</i>
Varies	<i>39 Clues</i> series
Voight, Cynthia	<i>Young Fredle</i>
Weitzman, Davd	<i>Pharoah's Boat</i>
Williams-Garcia,	<i>Rita One Crazy Summer</i>
Yep, Lawrence	<i>The Star Fisher; Dragonwings</i>