



Summer Reading 2018

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The Importance of Summer Reading

Hello at Home,

Perhaps you have heard of the term, "Summer Slide." This refers to serious learning loss that can occur when students take a break from academics during the summer months. Research shows that students who don't read over summer vacation may lose **two or three** months of reading development. Over time, these lost months add up to years and by the end of 5th grade, students who don't read during the summer fall nearly **two years behind** those who do!

Luckily, there is a solution! Students who read as few as **four to six books** over summer vacation can stop or even reverse the Summer Slide.

Here are some suggestions for staying on track this summer!

- **Schedule**—Develop a routine for summer learning. Consider scheduling this in the morning, before the rest of the day's activities.
- **Space**—Set up a station or area in the house with a calendar and checklist of what needs to be done each day.
- **Supplies**—Gather books, games, paper, pencils. Anything that will keep children engaged and excited about summer learning!
- **Read Every Day**—We suggest reading every day for at least 20 minutes. This will help maintain or even improve reading levels from the end of the school year.

- **Hands On Learning**—Think of ways to make learning multi-sensory. Create scavenger hunts, play games, write words with materials like Play-Doh and shaving cream.
- **Write**—Give your children real purpose for writing. Make lists, write letters and emails, keep travel journals.

Don't forget to complete the Bedwell Summer Reading Log and return it to school in September for special recognition! Have a safe and fun summer! Happy Reading!

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Again This Summer! Bedwell Lending Library

This summer, Bedwell will once again host a lending library program, made possible through our generous HSA. Children who are reading on levels A/1 through G/11 will receive letters inviting them to visit Bedwell Mondays through Thursdays, 9-11 A.M. to borrow books to read and practice at home. The lending library currently focuses on providing books at the earlier levels because these materials can be difficult to find at libraries and book stores. We hope to see families take advantage of this exciting opportunity!



At the Bernardsville Library

- Easy access leveled reading collections for levels A-J
- Suggested leveled reading lists and available books for levels K-Z
 - Most titles on the Bedwell Summer Reading List
 - A selection of books from the Bedwell School Library

Free Digital Collections

- **Capstone Interactive**

Link: <http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com>

Login: summer18

Password: lovetoread

- **Tumblebooks**

Link: <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com>

Login: bedwell

Password: books

Summer Reading Suggestions

Picture Book Authors

Marc Barnett
Jan Brett
Eric Carle
Doreen Cronin
Drew Daywalt
James Dean
Tomie dePaola
Anna Dewdney
David Ezra Stein
Don Freeman
Kevin Henkes
Ezra Jack Keats
Leo Lionni
Bill Martin Jr.
Robert Munsch
Laura Numeroff
Jane O'Connor
Margie Palatini
Patricia Polacco
Cynthia Rylant
Dan Santat
David Shannon
Mo Willems

Fiction Series for Younger Readers

Fly Guy!
by Tedd Arnold
Henry and Mudge
by Cynthia Rylant
Frog and Toad
by Arnold Lobel
Bones
by David Adler
Amelia Bedelia
by Peggy Parish
Mercy Watson
by Kate DiCamillo
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot
by Dav Pilkey
Bink and Gollie
by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee
Haggis and Tank Unleashed
by Jessica Young
Bad Kitty
by Nick Bruel
Confetti Kids
by Paula Yoo

Nonfiction Series

Who Was... (biography series)
What Was...
Ordinary People Change the World
Weird but True
Fly Guy Presents
Smithsonian Readers
National Geographic Kids Readers
If You... (history series)
Scholastic True or False
Let's Read and Find Out
True Books
You Wouldn't Want to Be...
Magic Tree House Companions
Optical Illusions

Historical Fiction Series

I Survived...
by Lauren Tarshis
Ranger in Time
by Kate Messner
Gladiator School
by Dan Scott

Mystery Series for Older Readers

Ballpark Mysteries
by David A. Kelley
Secrets of the Manor
by Adele Whitby
The Haunted Library
by Dori Hillestad Butler
A to Z Mysteries
by Ron Roy
Friday Barnes
by R.A. Spratt
39 Clues
by various authors
Nancy Drew
by Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys
by Franklin Dixon
Encyclopedia Brown
by Donald J. Sobol

Fantasy Series for Older Readers

The Doll People
by Ann M. Martin
Magic Tree House
by Mary Pope Osborne
Rainbow Magic Fairies
by Daisy Meadows
Beasts of Olympus
by Lucy Coats
Whatever After
by Sarah Mlynowski
The Familiars
by Adam Jay Epstein
The Olympians
by Rick Riordan
Dragon Slayers' Academy
by Kate McMullan
Harry Potter
by J.K. Rowling

Transitional Chapter Books (Branches by Scholastic)

Critter Club
by Callie Barkley
Dragon Masters
by Tracey West
The Last Firehawk
by Katarina Charman
The Notebook of Doom
by Troy Cummings

Chapter Books for Older Readers

Dog Man
by Dav Pilkey
Big Nate
by Lincoln Peirce
Stick Dog & Stick Cat
by Tom Watson
The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown
Dog Diaries
by Kate Klimo

Student's Name _____

Homeroom: _____



Directions

- Before returning the calendar to school, write your child's name and homeroom for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Optimally your child should read or be read to **every day**.
- **Color the square** or **mark the days** during the summer that your child reads.
- Sign the form and **return to school by Friday, September 7.**
- Any child who reads at least **twice a week** will be recognized.

My favorite summer read was:

List some other books that you enjoyed this summer on the back !



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Parent Signature: _____

Please return by September 7, 2018

