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School

Summer Reading 2009

Tips for Summer Reading Fun

- Sign-up for the summer reading program at your public library!
- Keep books in the car.
- Listen to books on tape during trips.
- Swap books with friends.
- Start a book club.
- Read recipes.
- Do a family read-aloud.
- Use the calendar on the reverse side to record your reading.

Summertime Reading Fun

School's out for summer, but that does not mean that learning should cease. Children acquire skills throughout the school year, but can regress if learning stops during the summer months. Some refer to this as the *summer slide*.

Children should have fun over the summer! Relax, spend time outdoors, visit friends and enjoy family time. Find a way to make reading part of that summertime fun.

Children can explore new places and have exciting adventures without ever leaving their own backyard. Wander the halls of Hogwarts with Harry Potter, spend a day at the "Weird School" with Miss Daisy, Mr. Klutz and AJ, or climb Jack and Annie's tree house in Frog Creek, Pennsylvania.

Websites can be a virtual treasure trove of ideas. James Patterson's **fabulous** new website

recommends books for a wide variety of abilities and interests. Check it out!

Please complete the calendar on the back according to the directions and return to school by September 18th. Your child will be recognized for their summertime reading in the fall. Have a great summer!

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Summer Reading Suggestions

This is a list of suggested titles/ authors. It is not meant to limit you in any way.



Great Family Read-Alouds

Annie Barrows—Ivy + Bean
Suzanne Collins—Gregor
Paula Danziger—The United States of America
Kate DiCamillo - Because of Winn-Dixie / The Tale of Despereaux
Roald Dahl — The BFG
Dan Gutman—My Weird School / Baseball Card Adventure
Sara Pennypacker—Clementine
Brian Selznick—The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Trenton Stewart — The Mysterious Benedict Society
E.B. White—Charlotte's Web / Stuart Little / Trumpet of the Swan

Additional Authors

Tedd Arnold
Jan Brett
Doreen Cronin
Kevin Henkes
C.S. Lewis
Jonathan London
Edward Marshall
Daisy Meadows
Mary Pope Osborne
Cynthia Rylant
Jon Scieszka
Laura Vaccaro Seeger
David Shannon
Rosemary Wells
Mo Willems
Jane Yolen

"We are Good Neighbors"—Books that Celebrate Good Character

Now One Foot, Now the Other
Hooway for Wodney Wat
Thank You, Jackie Robinson
Strega Nona
The Family under the Bridge
Judy Moody Declares Independence
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon
Chicken Sunday
A Chair for my Mother
Mr. Popper's Penguins
Frindle
The Recess Queen
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type
Liar, Liar Pants on Fire
George and Martha

Student's Name _____

Homeroom: _____



Directions

- Before returning the calendar to school—write your child's name and homeroom for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Optimally your child should read or be read to **everyday**.
- **Color the square** or **mark the days** during the summer that your child reads.
- Sign the form and **return to school by Wednesday, September 18**.
- Any child who reads at least **twice a week** will be recognized.



July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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 18, 2009.