

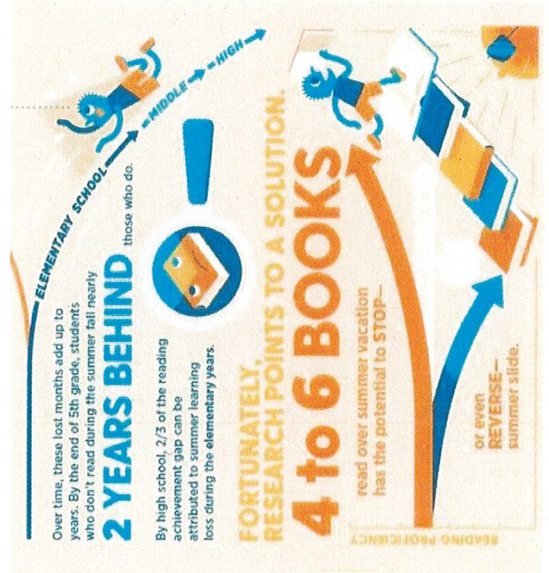
## WHAT IS THE SUMMER SLIDE?

'Summer Slide' is the academic loss children experience during the extended summer break from school. Children who don't read over the summer can lose up to 3 months of reading progress. That loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.



## STOP SUMMER SLIDE WITH SUMMER READING

Summer vacation means more than just fun in the sun. When students head out of the classroom and take a break from the books, they risk serious summer learning loss that can negatively impact long-term academic achievement.



## 10 WAYS TO BUILD A BETTER READER

- Never leave home without a book!
- Children are going to and from activities, so bring a book with you to turn travel time into reading time.
- Set reading times.
- We set times for dinner, TV, and brushing our teeth, so make reading a priority by establishing a routine.
- Take control of the television and computer.
- It's difficult for reading to compete with TV and video games. Enforce reading instead of electronics and put away the remotes for periods of time.
- Be patient.

Helping a beginning reader takes lots of patience! Go easy on your child when they are struggling.

Start young.

Like anything, it's easiest to start good reading habits as young as possible, so reading time will not be a battle as he/she gets older.

Stick with what works!

When you find a good series that your child likes, start at the beginning and complete the series.

Share the reading time.

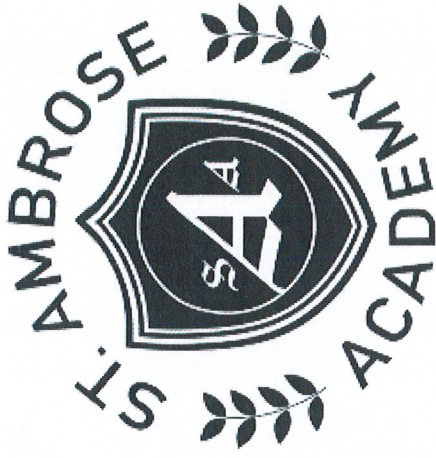
Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.

Be a good example and develop a good foundation. Be a positive role model for your child. If your child never sees you pick up a book, then they will not see the value in reading.

Make bookstores and/or libraries a regular thing. Let your child enjoy the wonders of being surrounded by books once a week to select their own books.

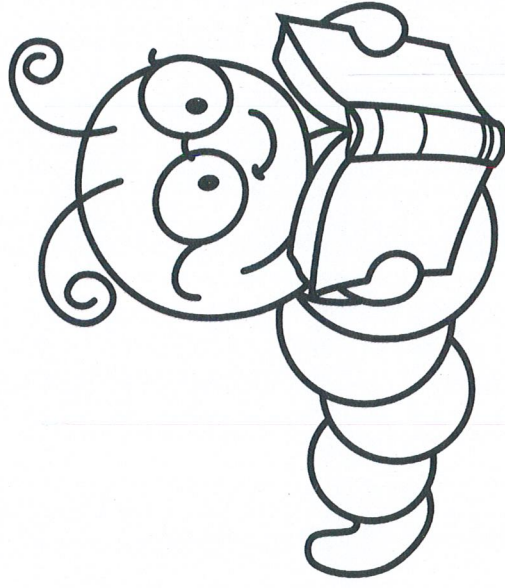
Incentivize good reading behavior.

Try giving a reward for completed books. Use this to help put a positive spin around good reading behavior!



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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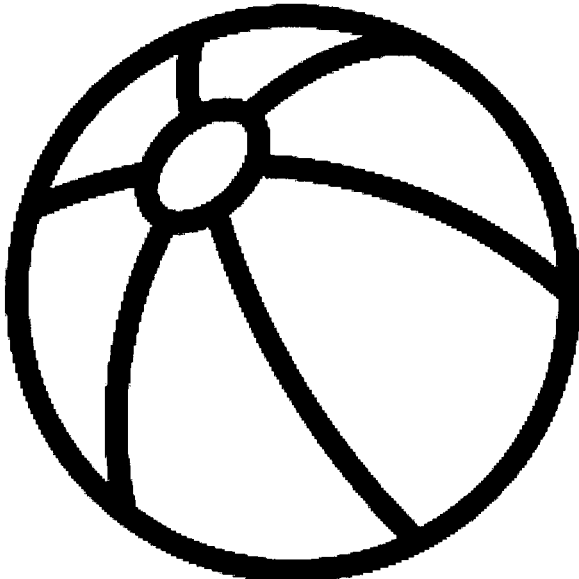


**PRIMARY GRADES**  
**(ENTERING GRADES K-2)**

## GOING INTO KINDERGARTEN!

Look at the book list below and choose some books to read this summer. For each book you read, ask a parent to help you write the title in one section of the beach ball. Then, color that section! Bring it to school with you in September for a prize!

Happy Reading!



### **BOOK LIST**

Anything by Dr. Seuss!  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.  
Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 by Bill Martin Jr.  
 Anything by Eric Carle!  
Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr.  
The Berenstain Bears books (any!)  
The Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen  
 Little Critter books (any!)

## GOING INTO 1ST GRADE!

Please read and do one of the BINGO activities for at least 3 books this summer. Turn in your work in at school in September for a prize! Happy reading!

Create a diorama of your favorite scene from the story.	Rewrite or change the ending of the book.	Change the title of the story. Create a new cover!
Draw a picture and write a sentence telling what the story was about.	Retell the story (beginning, middle, end) using a sequence of emojis.	Write a sentence or two telling about the book you read. Include the title and author.
Find 3 pictures of memes that describe the main character in the story. Write about each one.	Watch a film or live version of the story. Compare the book and the movie using a Venn diagram.	Create a digital trailer that includes the title, author, plot, and characters. No spoilers!
Create an 8-frame comic strip of an important part of the story.	Imagine the characters come to life. Draw and write about what would happen.	Write a letter to the author. Tell what you liked about the story or ask questions.

## GOING INTO 2ND GRADE!

Choose at least 3 of the books from the list below. Complete one activity for each book. Turn in your work in September for a prize! Happy Reading!

Write a letter to the author of the story. What questions do you have for him or her?	Create a glossary of key words from your story. Add page numbers and your definition for each word.	Write a review about the story. Make sure you support your opinion with evidence, and give it a rating!
Put yourself in place of one of the characters. What would be different? How would it change the ending?	Create a poster, advertisement, or trailer for the story. Look online for inspiration!	Draw what you think the setting of the story looks like. Then write at least 3 sentences to describe the setting.
Design a new cover for the book. Don't forget to include the title and author!	There was one last chapter, but the author lost it! Write another chapter for the end of the story!	Draw a comic strip showing your favorite part of the story.

### **BOOK LIST**

Cam Jansen series by David Adler  
 Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo  
 Pinky and Rex series by James Howe  
 Ready, Freddy series by Abby Klein  
 Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel  
 Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne  
 Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parrish  
 Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant  
 Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat  
The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume  
The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron  
The Magic Hat by Mem Fox  
Space Case by Edward Marshall  
 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

### **BOOK LIST**

Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
 Clifford series by Norman Bridwell  
 Curious George series by H.A. Rey  
 Pete the Cat books by James Dean  
 Splat the Cat series by Rob Scotton  
 Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle  
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes  
Misunderstood Shark by Ame Dyckman  
Alma and How She Got Her Name by J. Martinez-Neal  
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw