

Summer Reading Challenge

“Young readers who don’t continue to read over the summer — especially those who are reluctant or at-risk — are likely to lose crucial ground.

One summer off can sometimes mean a whole school year of struggling academic performance”

(Bridging the Summer Reading Gap

by Anne McGill-Franzen & Richard Allington, 2003)

Just because the end of the school year is upon us does not mean that the learning has to end. Parents and students are encouraged to continue reading throughout the summer so that students don't lose the valuable reading strategies and skills they have practiced throughout the school year.

Our goal is for every elementary student to read at least one hour per week throughout the summer. Students can read whatever they want including, but not limited to: books, books-on-tape, magazines, comic books, operating manuals, Internet articles, etc. The idea is to keep students reading throughout the summer. Some suggestions for children's magazines are: National Geographic Kids, Kids Discover Magazine, Zoobooks, Time for Kids, Boy's Life, New Moon Girls, Kids: Sports Illustrated and Nickelodeon.

Please remember that it is equally beneficial for students to listen to books-on-tape/CD and to be read to by an adult or older sibling. Both of these activities build fluency and vocabulary.

For suggested reading based on your child's age, check out the lists on the following pages.

In this packet, I have also included some information from Miss Lynda, the children's librarian from the Fremont Public Library. They are running a GREAT summer reading program with lots of special events and guests. Please check it out. ☺

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns regarding literacy at the Ellis School.

Thank you for all of your support in your child's education. Have a wonderful summer!

Warm Regards,

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Suggested Authors Based on Grade-Level

These are only suggestions....

Pre-School

Frank Asch
Donald Crews
Denise Fleming
Tana Hoban
Mick Inkpen
Sam McBratney
Margaret Miller
Bernard Most
Todd Parr
Anne Rockwell
Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Kindergarten

Todd Parr
Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Audrey Wood
Margaret Wise Brown
Nancy Carlson
Tomie DePaola
Pat Hutchins
Rachel Isadora
Ezra Jack Keats
Kim Lewis
Mercer Mayer
Martin Waddell
Rosemary Wells
Mo Willems

Suggested Authors Based on Grade-Level

These are only suggestions....

First Grade

Jan Brett

Marc Brown

Stan Berenstein

Don Freeman

Kevin Henkes

Eric Kimmel

Daisy Meadows

David McPhail

Phyllis Root

Simms Taback

Douglas Wood

Harriet Ziefert

Second Grade

Tedd Arnold

Lynne Cherry

Joanna Cole

Eloise Greenfield

Steven Kellogg

Anita Lobel

Pat McKissack

James Stevenson

Dr. Seuss

Mark Teague

Chris Van Allsburg

Kate DiCamillo

Sharon Creech

Mary Pope Osborne

David Adler

Tomie DePaola

Patricia Polacco

Suggested Authors Based on Grade-Level

These are only suggestions....

Third Grade

Roald Dahl

Gail Gibbons

Beverly Cleary

Patricia Reilly Giff

Mary Hoffman

Dick King-Smith

Allen Say

Jon Scieszka

E.B. White

Jeff Kinney

Patricia Polacco

Dan Gutman

Jack Gantos

Bill Peet

Sarah Pennypacker

Fourth Grade

Andrew Clements

Mike Lupica

Dan Gutman

Rick Riordan

Lisa Wade McCormick

Jack Gantos

Roald Dahl

Paula Danziger

Cornelia Funke

E.W. Hildick

Kathryn Lasky

Lynne Reid Banks

Jerry Spinelli

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Suggested Authors Based on Grade-Level

These are only suggestions....

Fifth & Sixth Grade

Gary Paulsen

Christopher Paul Curtis

David Almond

Gary Soto

Katherine Paterson

E.L. Konigsburg

Lois Lowry

Richard Peck

Jerry Spinelli

Gary Schmidt

Cornelia Funke

Cynthia Rylant

Cynthia Voigt

Bruce Coville

Madeline L' Engle

C.S. Lewis

Brian Jacques

Karen Hesse

Jean Craighead George

Gordon Korman

Will Hobbs

Lois Duncan

Margaret Peterson Haddix



Additional Summer Reading Incentive Programs

There are a lot of reputable businesses who have put together incentive programs for students and parents who wish to read to earn various prizes.

Here is a list of *a couple* of these companies who have put together some great incentive programs for interested families.

Please note: This is not an Ellis School incentive program. These programs are for students and families who wish to do something extra outside of the Ellis School.

Barnes and Noble

Barnes and Noble is offering readers in grades 1-6 a free book when they take part in their summer reading program. Please visit: www.bn.com/summerreading for more information.

Scholastic

Scholastic is offering a fun and interactive way to track student's summer reading. For more information, including ways that students can earn prizes for summer reading, visit: www.scholastic.com/summer