



Summer Reading 2016

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School

The Importance of Summer Reading

Hello at Home,

It is hard to believe that another school year is over, and summer is already upon us. Many children, especially struggling readers, slip out of practice during the summer months. Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a child from regressing. Try these strategies to help your reader improve during the summer and beyond!

- Be sure that your child reads books that are just right—not too hard and not too easy. Select books that match your child’s age, interests, and abilities.
- Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to

read throughout the day. In the morning, read the newspaper for the comics or the day’s weather. In the afternoon, read schedules, magazines, and online resources to find fun activities and events. In the evening, end a long day by having your child read to you. Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him become more fluent—able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.

- Schedule family read aloud time. When you read books to your child that are above her ability level, she will build listening comprehension skills. It will also

increase her knowledge and expand her experience with text, so that she will do better when she reads on her own.

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



Summer Reading Suggestions

Picture Book Authors

Jan Brett
Eric Carle
Doreen Cronin
James Dean
Tomie dePaola
Anna Dewdney
Don Freeman
Kevin Henkes
Ezra Jack Keats
Steven Kroll
Leo Lionni
Bill Martin Jr.
Robert Munsch
Laura Numeroff
Jane O'Connor
Margie Palatini
Patricia Polacco
Cynthia Rylant
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

Nonfiction Series

Who Was... (biography series)
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

Historical Fiction Series

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

Mystery Series for Older Readers

The Math Inspectors
by Daniel Kenney
Ballpark Mysteries
by David A. Kelley
Secrets of the Manor
by Adele Whitby
The Haunted Library
by Dori Hillestad Butler
The Critter Club
by Callie Barkley
A to Z Mysteries
by Ron Roy
Friday Barnes
by R.A. Spratt
39 Clues
by various authors
The Curious Cat Spy Club
by Linda Joy Singleton

Fantasy Series for Older Readers

The Doll People
by Ann M. Martin
Magic Tree House
by Mary Pope Osborne
Dragon Masters
by Tracey West
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

Realistic Fiction Series for Older Readers

Ramona
by Beverly Cleary
Fudge
by Judy Blume
Clementine
by Sara Pennypacker
The Year of...
by Andrea Chang
Shelter Pet Squad
by Cynthia Lord
According to Humphrey
by Betty Birney
The Kicks
by Alex Morgan
Here's Hank
by Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver
Ivy and Bean
by Annie Barrows

Student's Name _____

Homeroom: _____



Directions

- Before returning the calendar to school, write your child's name and homeroom for the 2016-2017 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 9.**
- Any child who reads at least **twice a week** will be recognized.

July 2016

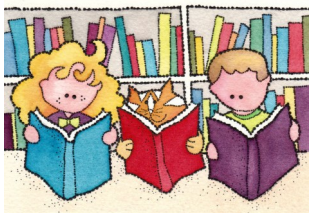
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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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My favorite summer read was:

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



Parent Signature: _____

Please return by September 9, 2016.

