



Summer Reading helps students achieve the “Summer Leap” – the learning and reading skills gained during the summer months that help students prepare to tackle the upcoming school year. It also helps to reduce the “Summer Slide” – the cumulative losses of learning and reading skills throughout summer.

***The POWER OF CHOICE:** We have compiled a list of **suggested books** based on a variety of interests, reading levels, content, and popular genres and authors. According to research, 91% of students will finish a book they have chosen themselves. Building on a student’s interests encourages them to read more often, even for the reluctant and struggling readers. If your child wants to read a book that is not on the list, and it is matched to their reading level/interest, encourage it. Some students specifically want to read non-fiction while others like to read to let their imagination go wild.

***Make their choices ACCESSIBLE:** Be sure to be involved with your child when they are choosing their summer books. Whether you take a trip to the bookstore or are purchasing them on an electronic device, encourage them to find books that meet their interests as well as their reading level.

***READ EVERY DAY!** As kids spend more time reading for fun, their reading achievement increases and they are motivated to read voluntarily.

***Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed.**



For a great resource, visit the link below. You can search a book by title or author to confirm if the book is on Reading Counts. You will find a short summary, the interest level (by grade), reading level, lexile level and how many points the book is worth.

<http://readingcountsbookexpert.tgds.hmhco.com>

More resources available:

www.scholastic.com/summer

www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/book-lists

www.scholastic.com/parents

www.scholastic.com/kids

Literacy is the pathway to success. Like any skill, reading requires practice. Summer reading needs to be FUN for all students! Take the Reading Adventure with your child and encourage them to be the best independent reader they can be!

