

Dear Parents,

Summer is here! As you plan your activities, please include leisure reading with your family. Research has shown that students who read during the summer maintain the gains that they have made during the school year. With that in mind, we strongly recommend that your child participate in this summer reading program.

Your child is expected to read a minimum of **2 books, one fiction and one non-fiction**. We are also hoping that you will read a wide variety of books with your child. Visiting your local library, school library, book store and participating in the "Reading Is My Bag" Program are good ways to promote summer reading.

In helping your child select a "just right " book, try the "five finger " rule. As your child reads a page, have them count any unknown words on one hand. If there are 5 or more unknown words on a page, this book is too hard for your child to read alone, although you may want to read it aloud to your child.

**What is fiction?** A fiction book is a story that is not true. It is a wide open area with many titles and authors, including picture books, animal books, poetry, nursery rhymes, fairy tales and mysteries.

**What is non-fiction?** A non-fiction book is one that contains information that is true, including biographies, how-to-books, books about nature, science, history, world events and mysteries.

**When your child has finished each book, please have him/her draw a picture, write about his/her favorite part and indicate the book's title and author. Please send completed responses to school by Friday, September 9 for classroom "book shares". All children will be expected to share one of their selections.**

Please see the reverse side of this sheet for some reading suggestions. **REMEMBER** these are only suggestions. Feel free to help your child choose any book that interests him/her. We hope that reading this summer will be a wonderful adventure for you and your child.

Happy Reading!

The Elementary Staff

Amosland  
Eddystone  
Edgewood  
Grace Park  
Lakeview  
Leedom  
Woodlyn

## Favorite Authors & Reading Materials You Might Like

### Early Readers

Asch, Frank  
Baer, Edith  
Bang, Molly  
Brett, Jan  
Brown, Margaret Wise  
Carle, Eric  
Catalanotto, Peter  
DePaola, Tomie  
Ehlert, Lois  
Fleming, Denise  
Henkes, Kevin  
Hutchins, Pat  
Johnston, Tony  
Kellogg, Steven  
Lionni, Leo  
Lobel, Arnold  
Martin, Bill, Jr.  
Munsch, Robert  
Numeroff, Laura  
Pilkey, Dav  
Pinkney, Andrea  
Rylant, Cynthia  
San Souci, Daniel  
Seuss, Dr.  
Steig, William  
Wells, Rosemary  
Wood, Audrey  
Yolen Jane

### Older Readers

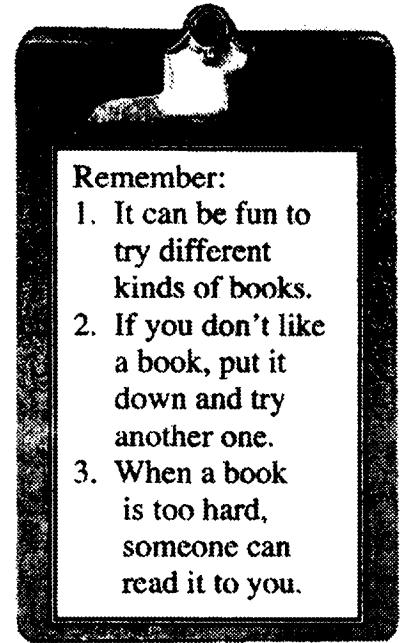
Alder, David  
Blume, Judy  
Bunting, Eve  
Byars, Betsy  
Cleary, Beverly  
Cohen, Barbara  
Coles, Robert  
Dahl, Roald  
Fritz, Jean  
Lowery, Lois  
Park, Barbara  
Scieszka, Jon  
Smith, Robert Kimmel  
White, E.B.  
Spinelli, Jerry

### Magazines for Children

Boy's Life  
Nickelodeon  
Racing For Kids  
Sports Illustrated For Kids  
Your Big Backyard  
Ranger Rick  
Zillions  
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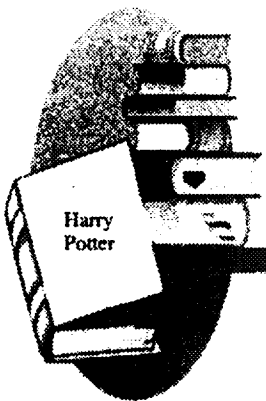
### Poetry

Greenfield, Eloise  
Holbrook, Sara  
Hopkins, Lee Bennett  
Prelutski, Jack  
Siverstein, Shel  
Viorst, Judith



### Series Books

American Girl  
A to Z Mysteries  
Barnstein Bears  
Moonbear  
Madeline  
Magic Treehouse  
Franklin  
Arthur  
Boxcar Children  
Ramona  
Magic School Bus  
Nancy Drew  
Strega Nona  
The Hardy Boys  
Frog and Toad  
Biscuit Book  
Little Critter  
Little Bear  
Amelia Bedelia  
Junie B. Jones  
Harry Potter  
Goosebumps



**\*\*Reminder: Read at least one fiction and one nonfiction book. Draw a picture and write about your favorite part for each book. Be sure to record the title and author.\*\***