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Dear Parents,

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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.

Edgewood

Grace Park

Lakeview

Leedom

Your child is expected to read throughout the course of the summer and record their reading on the attached sheet. We are hoping that you will encourage your child to read a wide variety of books including both fiction and nonfiction. Visiting your local library, school library, book store and participating in the "Reading Is My Bag" Program are good ways to promote summer reading.

Woodlyn

In helping your child select a "just right" book, try the "five finger" rule. As your child reads a page, have him/her 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. Keep in mind your child should not only be able to read the first page or two but also, understand what he or she is reading.

After your child has finished a book, please record his/her reading on the attached "Book Record Form". Additional paper may be used to record summer reading once the "Book Record Form" is filled.

Upon returning to school your child will be expected to share a favorite book that he/she read over the summer. On Friday, September 8th your child should bring the book along with his/her "Book Record Form" to school. Teachers will be meeting with your child to reflect on summer reading.

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, Grades K-1

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
Pillkey, 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
3-2-1 Contact

Poetry

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

Remember:

1. It can be fun to try different kinds of books.
2. If you don't like a book, put it down and try another one.
3. When a book is too hard, someone can read it to you.

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

