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Summer Reading BUZZ!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Just because the school year is ending doesn't mean the learning has to stop. Students who don't continue reading over their summer holidays are likely to lose ground. So before you set your children free, encourage them to keep reading. It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions but these suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

Read four books over summer

Research shows that reading just four or more books over summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When helping your child to choose books, be sure that they are just right—not too hard and not too easy. Check your child's November Book Club brochures for books that have been specially selected to match their age, interests and abilities. And take advantage of your local library by finding out if they run a summer reading program that motivates kids to read.

Make books and reading fun

For example, turn your child's bookcase from drab to fab by giving it a lick of paint or decorating it some other way.



Keep reading aloud

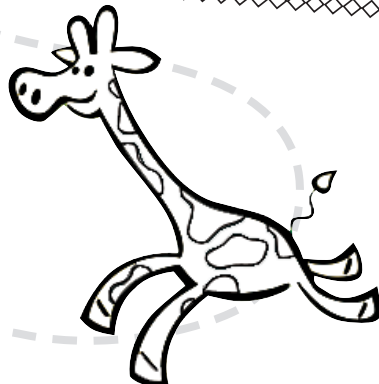
Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when they read on their own.

Read something every day

For example: Morning: The newspaper—even if it is just the comics or today's weather. Daytime: Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources. For example, if your child likes the food channel, help them look for a recipe on the network's website—then cook it together for more reading practice. Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book they are currently reading.



Happy reading!



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