

SUMMER READING TIPS

For Parents



“Summer Slide” describes the educational ground children could lose during the three-month break from school, particularly when it comes to reading. In fact, a 2002 report from Johns Hopkins Center for Summer Learning finds that: “A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year. It’s common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching materials students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching could have been spent on teaching new information and skills.”

Schedule Time for Summer Reading.

Swimming lessons, day camps, baseball games, time with friends, a week at Grandma’s, vacations – summer is full of fun and activity! Our [Refrigerator Reminders](#) keep reading on the schedule and are fun to color!

Summer Break: BOOK IT! Style

From book lists to activities to games, our website has several reading resources to download at home. Use these resources to help reinforce story concepts, monitor reading goals and much more Visit bookitprogram.com/summer to begin downloading your child’s activities.

Join the Summer Reading Program at Your Local Public Library.

Local public libraries have great summer reading programs for all ages. And, there are usually some pretty cool prizes donated from local businesses.

Show Your Kids the Way.

“Few children learn to love books by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way.”
-Orville Prescott, *A Father Reads to His Children*
That someone is you! Every title on our [Books Every Kid Should Hear](#) list is a great read-aloud. Gather together at the end of the day and read a chapter out loud as a family. It’s a great way to unwind and connect.

Go Beyond Fiction.

Books that teach kids how to do something or give more information about a subject they already have some background knowledge of are a great way to keep kids reading. Newspapers are loaded with vocabulary. And don’t forget [magazines and web sites](#) – they spark interest and are fun resources for building vocabulary and comprehension.

See and Hear a Book.

One of the best electronic bookshelves you’ll find is One More Story (www.onemorestory.com). Over 58 fabulous books on the shelf – all professionally narrated and scored with original music. A great resource with an “I Can Read” component. Try one for free.

