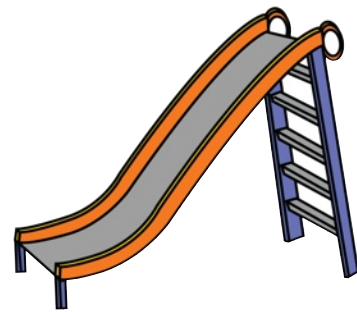


**Rosa Parks Elementary**  
**Summer 2019 Reading Suggestions from Mrs. Hollinger**  
**3rd - 5th Grades**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>RL</u>	<u>Genre</u>
Crenshaw	Applegate	3.7	Fantasy
*Mac B. Kid Spy: Kid Undercover	Barnett	5	Humorous
*Lions and Liars	Beasley	5.8	Realistic Fiction
Hurricane Child	Callender	6	Mystery/ Realistic Fiction
The Losers Club	Clements	3.9	Realistic Fiction
*Ivy	Coville	3.1	Fantasy
*Saving Winslow	Creech	4.1	Animal Fiction
*Superstar	Davis	3.7	Realistic Fiction
*Out of My Mind	Draper	4.3	Realistic Fiction
Louisiana's Way Home	DiCamillo	4.5	Realistic Fiction
The Matchstick Castle	Graff	4.6	Adventure
The Fourteenth Goldfish	Holm	4.1	Science Fiction
Fish in a Tree	Hunt	4.2	Realistic Fiction
*Roller Girl	Jamieson	3.1	Graphic Novel
Amina's Voice	Khan	4.6	Realistic/ Multicultural
Restart	Korman	5.1	Realistic Fiction
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai	4.8	Historical Fiction/ Poetry
The Key to Extraordinary	Lloyd	4.7	Mystery
A Handful of Stars	Lord	5.2	Realistic Fiction
*The Mad Wolf's Daughter	Magras	4.3	Historical Fiction/ Adventure
*Bob	Mass & Stead	5.6	Fantasy
Word of Mouse	Patterson	4.6	Action/Adventure
Maxi's Secrets	Plourde	5.5	Realistic Fiction
Woof	Quinn	4.3	Mystery
*Holes	Sachar	5.1	Adventure/ Realistic Fiction
Wonderstruck	Selznick	5	Historical Fiction
Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin	Shurtliff	4.4	Fantasy/Humor
*Pass Go & Collect \$200	Stone	3.6	Nonfiction
Finding Perfect	Swartz	3.7	Realistic Fiction
Loot	Watson	4.2	Adventure/Mystery
*One Crazy Summer	Williams-Garcia	4.6	Historical Fic./Multicultural
Front Desk	Yang	4.5	Multicultural/ Realistic Fiction

**\*On Battle of the Books list 2019-20**

# Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



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