

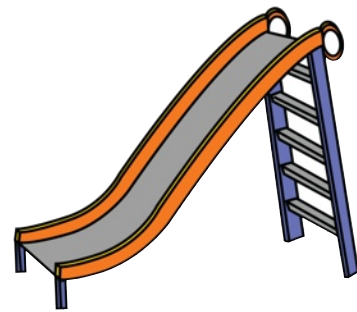


Rosa Parks Elementary
Summer 2019 Reading Suggestions from Mrs. Hollinger
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Fiction

What If	Berger
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	Brown
The Chicken Squad Misadventures	Cronin
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors	Daywalt
Last Stop on Market Street	de la Pena
Misunderstood Shark	Dyckman
Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen	Florence
We Don't Eat Our Classmates	Higgins
Giraffe Problems	John
Natsumi!	Lendroth
Alma and How She Got Her Name	Martinez-Neal
Finding Winnie	Mattick
Thank You, Omu!	Mora
Dreamers	Morales
Zen Socks	Muth
If You Plant a Seed	Nelson
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog	Papp
The Itchy Book	Pham
After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again	Santat
Different? Same!	Tekavec
The Water Princess	Verde
Nannette's Baguette	Willems
<u>Nonfiction</u>	
I'm Trying to Love Spiders	Barton
How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine	Guglielmo
Creature Features	Jenkins & Page
Shark Lady	Keating
What Do They Do With All That Poo?	Kurtz
The Way to School	McCarney
Barefoot Books: Children of the World	Strickland

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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