



2026 SUMMER READING

For students who are entering
GRADE 1

Summer Reading: Keep the Adventure Alive!

Reading can be one of the many fun activities your child explores this summer. Research shows it is also much more! Children who maintain a steady reading routine over the summer are far less likely to experience summer learning loss. Keeping your child's reading skills sharp is vital, and they should have daily opportunities to read or hear high-quality literature and non-fiction—both for pleasure and to learn new things. Reading aloud to your child is also a wonderful way to show them how much you value books.

Lastly, here are a few wonderful summer reading programs to explore:

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program

The concept is simple:

1. Your child reads **eight books** of their choice.
2. They record the titles on the attached reading log.
3. They bring the completed log to their local Barnes & Noble to **claim a free book!**

[Click Here for the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal](#)

Local Library Summer Challenges

Be sure to check your local library's website for more summer fun. Here are the links to the Westport and Fairfield library challenges for this year:

- [Westport Library: "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program 2026](#)
- [Fairfield Library: "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program 2026](#)

Borrowing E-Books

E-books are another fantastic, free option. Most libraries use apps like **OverDrive and Libby**. As long as you have an active library card, you can download e-books directly to your device (such as an iPad, Kindle or Amazon Fire tablet).

Favorite Authors

Barrett-George, Lindsay
Carlson, Nancy
Curtis, Jamie Lee
Henkes, Kevin
London, Jonathan

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Cronin, Doreen
Fleming, Denise
Hoberman, Mary Ann
McClatchy, Lisa

Leo Lionni
Jan Brett
Eric Carle
Brian Lies

Activities:

- “Read” to your pet or friend
- Retell your favorite part of a story and draw a picture
- Talk about the characters in the story
- Was there a problem in the story and if so, what was the solution?
- Send a postcard to a teacher c/o Unquowa School!