



2026 SUMMER READING

For students who are entering
SECOND GRADE

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).

Book Selections:

Adler, David	<i>Young Cam Jansen</i>
Baratz-Logsted, Lauren	<i>Sister's Eight</i>
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy + Bean</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Jake Drake</i>
Danzinger, Paula	<i>Amber Brown</i>
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson</i>
Guest, Elissa Haden	<i>Iris and Walter</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>My Weird School Series</i>

James, Brian	<i>Pirate School</i>
Kimpton, Diana	<i>Pony Crazy Princess</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Horrible Harry</i>
Krosoczka, Jarrett	<i>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute</i>
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Frog and Toad</i>
MacDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody; Stink</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House</i>
Ottolenghi, Carol	<i>Brighter Child Keepsake Stories</i>
Parish, Peggy	<i>Amelia Bedelia</i>
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Marvin Redpost</i>
Sharmat, Marjorie	<i>Nate the Great</i>
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>
Various Authors	<i>Folktales and Fairy Tales</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Commander Toad</i>

Favorite Authors

Adler, David	Brett, Jan
Cannon, Janell	Cole, Joanna
Cronin, Doreen	DiCamillo, Kate
Fleming, Candance	Fox, Mem
Jenkins, Steve	Lansky, Bruce,
Parrish, Peggy	Pilkey, Dave
Polacco, Patricia	Roy, Ron
Rylant, Cynthia	Silverstein, Shel
Viorst, Judith	

Recommended Series:

Katie Woo
Mercy Watson
Heidi Heckleback
Field Trip Mysteries
Weird School

Activities:

- Write something about your day.
- Find objects in your house that begin with each letter of the alphabet.
- Read a page of a newspaper. Circle every word you recognize.
- Read a book to someone.
- Keep a vacation journal.
- Write a letter to a friend, relative or teacher.
- Send a postcard to a teacher c/o Unquowa School.