



2026 SUMMER READING

For students who are entering
KINDERGARTEN

Summer Reading: Keep the Adventure Alive!

Our Summer Reading goal is to help your child build essential language and literacy skills every day.

Even if your child reads independently, reading aloud to them is highly beneficial. It builds listening skills, print awareness, and an appreciation for stories. It also reinforces letter sounds and helps students recognize high frequency words (like *a*, *and*, *the*, *see*) and functional words (like *stop*).

How you can help this summer:

- **Read aloud daily:** Dedicate time each day to read together, choosing books that match your child's interests.
- **Visit the library:** If your child doesn't have a local library card yet, please sign up for one.
- **Write often:** Find opportunities for your child to practice writing skills they have: write notes to family members, make a list of activities for the day or just write their names on things. We strongly encourage them to also practice skills such as drawing, coloring, cutting or any activity that will help strengthen their hands.

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 reading 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](#)

Favorite Authors

Barrett-George, Lindsay

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

Leo Lionni

Carlson, Nancy
Curtis, Jamie Lee
Henkes, Kevin
London, Jonathan

Cronin, Doreen
Fleming, Denise
Hoberman, Mary Ann
McClatchy, Lisa

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!
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