

2026 SUMMER READING

For students who are entering
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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 sight words (like *a*, *and*, *the*, *see*) and functional words (like *stop*).

Rather than a traditional reading list, we encourage you to find ways to incorporate reading into everyday life. In addition to a daily reading time, be on the lookout for words everywhere you go. Have your child read signs, recipes, lists, and more! Try to select books from many genres. Compare fictional tales versus scientific information. Read some poetry or try a graphic novel. If your child finds an author and/or illustrator they like, try to read several books by that person.

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:** We strongly encourage keeping a summer journal.

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](#)