



Summer Reading Information

Name _____

Intermediate ~ Rising 4th - 6th Grade

Dear Parent,

Studies indicate that school-age children who read during summer vacation maintain or improve the reading skills they developed throughout the school year. This summer, Roanoke City Public Schools joins Roanoke City Libraries to promote and inspire an enjoyment of reading, as well as ensure that students maintain their newly acquired literacy skills.

Students entering 4th through 6th grade are encouraged to read 5 books this summer (5 books in 12 weeks). Lists of suggested authors and series are available in this booklet. Additional suggestions and book titles are also available at the RCPS.info website and at local libraries. Roanoke City librarians are available throughout the summer at all branches to assist with choosing books that best suit your child's interests and reading level.

Your child is encouraged to join and participate in the public library's summer reading program, *Be Creative At Your Library*. Participants receive a free book when they fill their library summer reading log and may win prizes along the way. The libraries also offer many exciting activities, shows, movies, parties, and crafts.

Students not participating in the library's summer reading program may also want to record the books they have read. The back of this booklet provides a place for this.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that reading is an enjoyable and purposeful part of your child's summer experiences. Have a great time!

Your Child's Teacher

Summer Reading Tips

1. Encourage your child to read every day.
2. Read anywhere... in the backyard, at the pool, in the car, on the porch, at the park, before bedtime, while waiting in line...
3. Read together. You're never too old to read aloud or listen as someone reads to you.
4. Set a good example. Let your child see you enjoying reading.
5. Visit the library. Allow your child a choice of books to read. Help him/her locate books about topics of interest.
6. Ask your child about what he/she is reading. Talk about similarities and differences to your child's life.
7. Introduce your child to a series. Once hooked, children often want to read more of the stories.
8. Provide non-fiction books or children's magazines about the topics your child likes. Keep lots of reading material around the house (books, newspapers, magazines, instruction manuals, informational resources).
9. Encourage your child to write his/her own stories for others to read.
10. Enjoy reading!



Additional suggested authors, titles, and series are available on the RCPS.info website and at the Roanoke City Library.

Favorite Authors

Nancy Andrews-Goebel
George Ancona
Judy Blume
Tonja Bolden
Virginia Burton
Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements
Roald Dahl
Jean Fritz
Paula Fox
Mary Hoffman
E.L. Konigsburg
Lois Lowry
Lensey Namioka
Patricia Polacco
Lemony Snicket
Gary Soto
E.B. White

Karen Ackerman
Tiki Barber
Jim Benton
Frances H. Burnette
Betsy Cromer Byers
Ann Cameron
Paula Danzinger
Kate DeCamillo
Tracey Fern
Dan Gutman
Joanna Hurwitz
Gordon Korman
Patricia McLaughlin
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Cynthia Rylant
Jerry Spinelli
Louis Sacher

Favorite Series

Ramona (Cleary)
Ralph Mouse (Cleary)
Magic School Bus (Cole)
Encyclopedia Brown (Sobol)
Amber Brown (Danzinger)
Magic Attic (Various)
A Series of Unfortunate Events (Snicket)

Magic Tree House (Warner)
Cam Jansen (Adler)
Nate the Great (Sharp)
The Boxcar Children (Warner)
Little House (Wilder)



My Summer Reading Log

optional

Title _____
Author _____
I would / would not (circle) recommend this book to a friend because _____
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GREAT JOB!

