

# Summer Reading Ideas and Suggestions

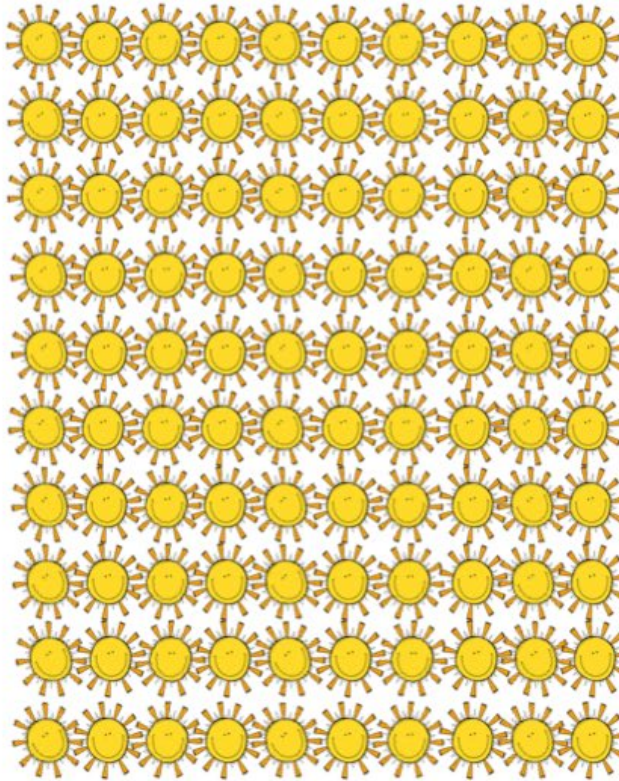


- \*Visit the public library
- \*Visit the bookstore
- \*Listen to books while driving
- \*Take turns reading
- \*Find fun places to read
- \*Try a new book series
- \*Re-read an old favorite
- \*Swap books with a friend
- \*Find books at a thrift store
- \*Read books about places you hope to visit one day
- \*Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
- \*Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- \*Read books, then watch the movie version and compare



# Summer Reading Challenge

**Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!** Each sun represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes! This is not required – just recommended!



I read \_\_\_\_\_ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:

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# Summer Reading Assignment

## For Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders





Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research, \*students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Also, check out the thousands of free e-books on our Harmony eClass page!

\*BOOKS MAY BE FOUND ONLINE, AT LOCAL BOOKSTORES, ON AMAZON, THRIFTBOOKS (website), AND AT LOCAL LIBRARIES. IF BOOKSTORES DO NOT HAVE THE BOOK, THEY CAN EASILY ORDER IT FOR YOU.\*



## Requirements for Summer Reading

**\*Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are to read AT LEAST 2 chapter books this summer.**

**\*1 must be from the "Required List", and book 2 is a chapter book of choice.**

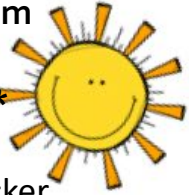
While this brochure may be returned to your teacher next year, it is not required. The only requirement is that students read AT LEAST 2 chapter books. Students are to use sticky notes to stop and jot – favorite part, turning point, character traits, themes, etc. Stop and jot moments are up to the students, but this will help with the in-class project we will be working on when we return in the fall – so keep sticky notes in books, and bring the books with you in the fall!

PARENTS - The list of titles has been created with a variety of reading levels and student interest in mind. Encourage your child to select a book that addresses a topic of interest and one they have not read prior. Also, please assist your child in selecting a second book that fits his or her reading level.



## Required Book List

\*Choose 1 book from this list to read over the summer\*



Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Restart by Gordon Korman

Watch Hollow by Gregory Funaro

Blended by Sharon Draper

Watchdog by Will Macintosh

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

The Elephant Thief by Jane Kerr

Holes by Louis Sachar

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie

Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech

