



Summer Reading Tips for Families

* Dedicate time for reading and writing each day

Incorporate time for reading and writing daily. Read aloud to your child—no matter what age! Additionally, give your child the opportunity to read aloud to you. Spend time listening to audio books on your long drives. Foster your child’s creativity by encouraging him/her to write a new ending to the story or write the story from the perspective of a different character.

* Provide access to a variety of reading materials and allow your child to choose reading material

Include a variety of reading material in your home such as magazines, books, brochures, and newspapers. Allow your child to choose his/her reading material. Summer time allows students to choose books on topics that they truly enjoy. Talk to your child about his/her interests, so you can help choose appropriate books. Perhaps, you could choose books that align with summer activities and trips (i.e. If you’re visiting the beach, choose a book about seashells. Spend time on your vacation identifying the different types of shells that your child finds).

* Expand your child’s vocabulary by encouraging him/her to learn new words

Teach your child a few new words a day. Discuss the meaning of these words and how they are used. Use these new words in your daily conversations.

* Visit the library and become involved in the activities and programs that they have to offer

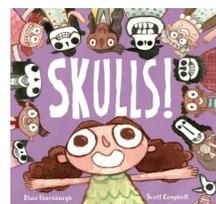
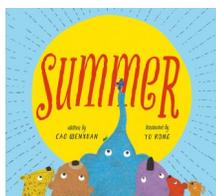
Visit the local library and allow your child to get a library card. Visiting the library frequently shows your child that you are invested in his/her reading development. Libraries often have lists of engaging summer reading books. Additionally, they offer reading programs, puppet shows, guest authors, and other events.

* Be a reading and writing role model

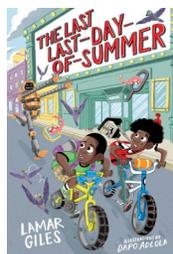
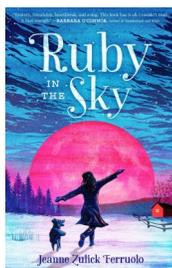
Children learn vicariously through the actions of their adult role models. Spend time modeling positive reading behaviors and engage in conversations with your child. Inquire about his/her reading (i.e. What did you read about? Who are the characters? What was your favorite part and why? What do you think will happen next?) Make sure you answer these questions about your reading, too!

Summer Reading Book Titles

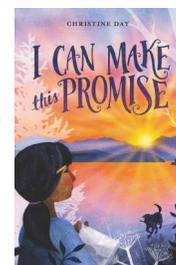
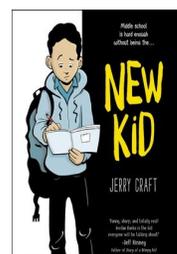
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Please visit the Association for Library Service to Children’s website for a complete list of summer reading titles. <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2020-summer-reading-list>