

PHA Summer Story Club

Dear Parents,

Summer is here and school is out, but that does not mean the learning ends! Did you realize that school age children could lose up to three months of learning over the summer if they don't spend time reading? Keeping students' minds busy will make the transition to the new school year in August easier.

Studies show that when a child reads as few as six books, he or she is likely to fend off summer reading loss and maintain the reading gains made during the previous school year. Not to mention the gain in adventure, new discoveries, and fun that a stack of kid-picked summer books can provide.

This summer, each student will be required to read an assigned book(s) appropriate to his or her age level and grade. Students should be prepared to discuss their book during library time at the beginning of the 09-10 school year. We encourage you to utilize your local library by letting your child get his or her own library card and check out the book. You can also choose to purchase the book from Border's, Books-A-Million or another bookstore.

We have found a great website that encourages reading comprehension skills similar to our Accelerated Reader program. If interested, please visit the free website www.bookadventure.com. Thank you in advance for your participation in our summer story club and happy reading!

A copy of this PHA Summer Story Club package with a list of the assigned summer reading books is available on our school's web page.

Sincerely,
The Parke House Academy



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Please have your child choose and read each of the listed titles for their grade level as a requirement of the summer reading club. If your child is demonstrating difficulty or is struggling with their assigned book, please provide support by reading the story with them. Our goal is to foster a love of reading for each and every student. Please do not discourage your child by challenging them to read something they are not ready to read. Simply put, have fun! Students will be discussing the assignment with their class during the first week of school.

Into Pre-Kindergarten Any book from the Dr. Seuss series
Any "Bob" book

Into Kindergarten: Recommended: Green Eggs & Ham or The Cat in the Hat
And any Biscuit book by Alyssa Capucilli

Kindergarten into First: One book from each of the following series:
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Little Critters by Mercer Mayer
And
Any book by author Eric Carle

First grade into Second: Mandatory:
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
Stuart Little by E.B. White

Optional:
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Aardena/Vidal

Second grade into Third: Be the First in the Universe by Stephanie Spinner
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Third grade into Fourth: The Anybodies by N.E. Bode
Pond Scum by Alan Silberberg

Fourth grade into Fifth: Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver
Becoming Naomi Leon by Ram Munoz Ryan

Fifth grade into Sixth: Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Summer Reading Pledge: from "America Reads" Reading Program

It is time for me to get into reading gear, because summertime is very near.

Reading is always fun, whether I do it in the shade or in the sun!

It is very groovy to read, and 30 minutes each day is about what I need.

The library is where I can borrow books for free, I will find one that is near me.

I will learn a new word each day, but I will still find time to play.

I will read a book to a family member and to a friend,

Before the summer comes to an end.

And when it is time to go back to school, I will already know that books are cool!

Child's signature _____

I will read and enjoy my PHA summer reading club book.

HELPING YOUNG READERS

10 ways parents can encourage reading

1. Scout for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
2. Leave books, magazines and colorful catalogs in conspicuous places at home. Notice what attracts your children, and then build on that interest.
3. **Let your children see you reading for pleasure.**
4. Take your children to the library regularly.
5. Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters.
6. Play games that are reading-related. Board games often require players to read cards and game directions.
7. Set aside time for reading in your family. As little as 10 minutes of free reading a day can help improve your child's skills.
8. Read aloud to your child who might be discouraged by his or her own ability to read with fluency.
9. Don't try to persuade children to finish books they don't enjoy. Recommend putting the book aside and trying another.
10. Limit your children's TV viewing to make time for other activities, such as reading. But never use TV as a reward for reading, or a punishment for not reading.

Source: Reading is Fundamental Inc.