

Dear Parents,

I know that this year has been a different and challenging year in so many ways. We have been so blessed to have been in school and with our students in person. It's always so rewarding to see them grow as learners and as people.

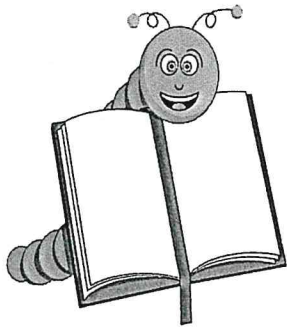
They have made amazing progress and have learned so much. You may have heard about the "summer slide". I had always heard that term too and didn't realize just how serious it could be until I started working with the same students year after year. Students who do not read over the summer, especially our younger students, may come back to school in the fall 2 levels or more below where they left. It often takes until November to get back to the level they were at when they left in June. My challenge to you this summer is to not let that happen. I know how busy summer can be and how much we all deserve a lot of rest and relaxation after this crazy year we have had but I challenge you to make reading a fun part of your summer routine. Set aside a few minutes a day or even 30 minutes 3x per week for reading. Take a book to the park as part of a picnic, read under the shade of a tree on a hot day or on the porch with a glass of lemonade, read at night with a flashlight under the stars or in a tent, have a "book club" meeting at dinner where you all discuss something you are reading ....so many ideas and ways to make reading fun!

Most of our local libraries have wonderful summer reading programs. I know they may look a little different this year but please check into them if you can. They will help motivate your child to read and I'm sure they will have fun along the way. Check out [:www.summerreadingnys.org/parents-find-your-library/](http://www.summerreadingnys.org/parents-find-your-library/) where you can find information for every library in Jefferson County.

We have put together packets for you to download and print at home to help encourage reading and writing over the summer. If you don't have access to a printer and would like these pages printed, please let the school know and we can make the copies here for you.

I wish you a summer filled with family, faith and fun. Happy reading!

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## Reader's Oath

I promise to read  
Each day and each night.  
I know it's the key  
To growing up right.

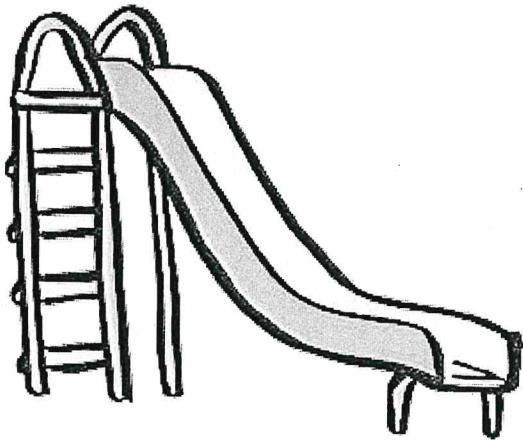
I'll read to myself  
I'll read to a crowd.  
It makes no difference  
If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk  
At home and at school.  
On my bean bag or bed,  
By the fire or pool.

Each book that I read  
Puts smarts in my head.  
'Cause brains grow more thoughts  
The more they are fed.

So I take this oath  
To make reading my way  
Of feeding my brain  
What it needs every day.

# How to Avoid the "Summer Slide"

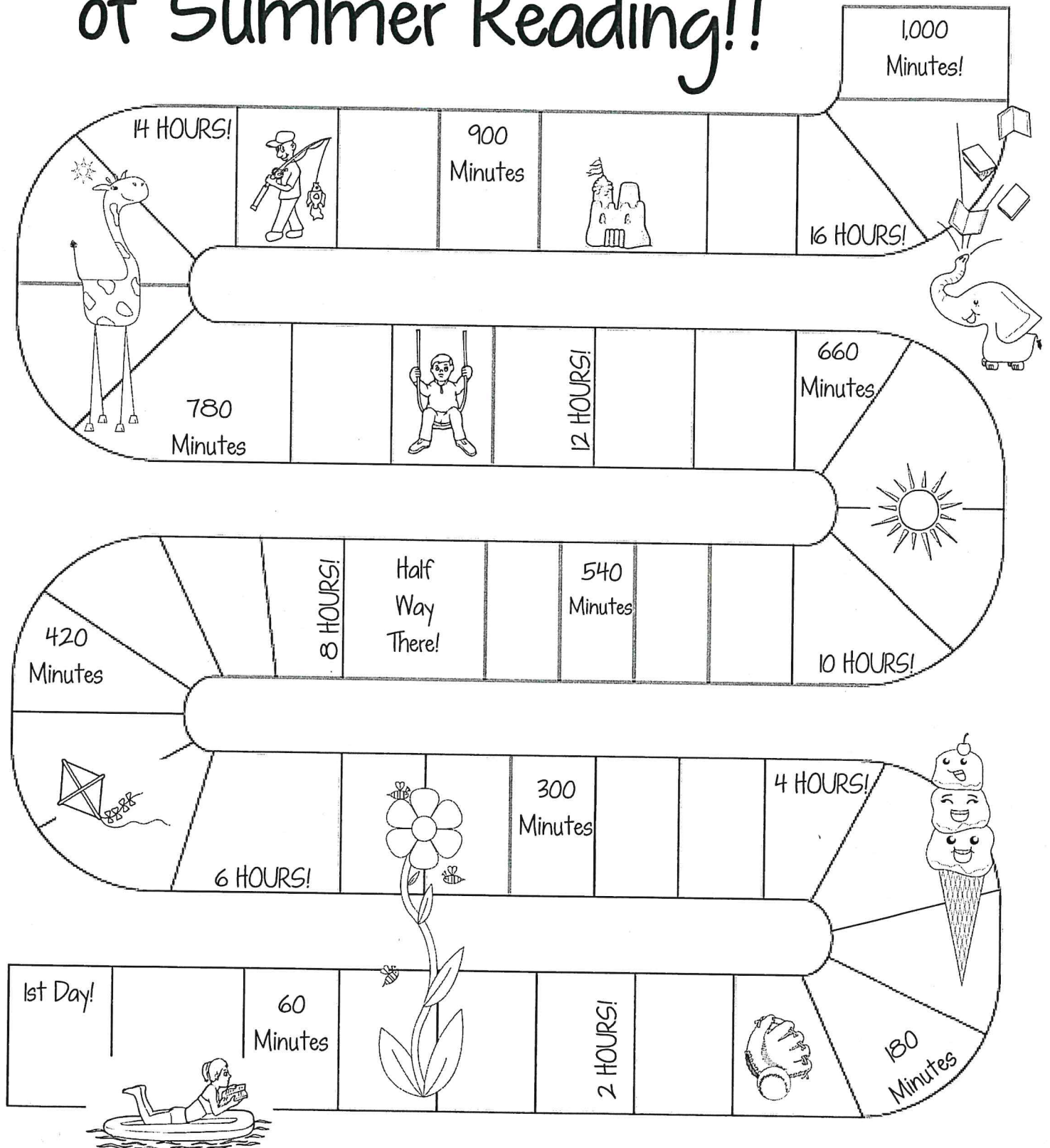


Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

1. **Six books to summer success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right – not too hard and not too easy.
2. **Visit the local library:** Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. The public library has summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area.
3. **Keep Reading Aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This increases student knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that students will do better when they read on their own.
4. **Set a good example:** When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book, magazine or newspaper, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
5. **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Find time to read EVERY DAY. Students don't have to sit down for 30 minutes at a time...read anytime (in the car, in a waiting room for appointments, when it's too hot to go outside, beside the pool)...ANYTIME is a good time to read!)



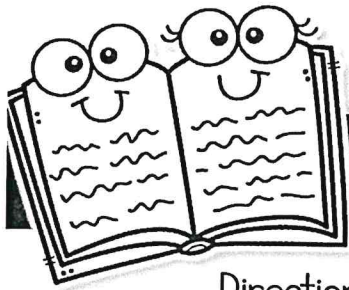
# 1,000 Minutes of Summer Reading!!



Color in one box for every 20 minutes you read.



Name \_\_\_\_\_



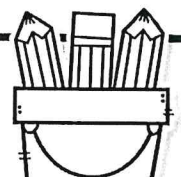
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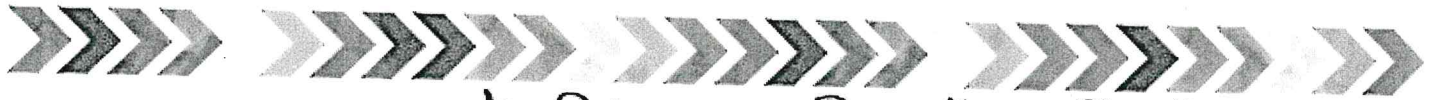
## READING CHALLENGE

Directions: Mark a square each time you complete the activity. Can you do them all?

Read in your pajamas.	Build a fort. Then read in it!	Read outside.	Read with a flashlight.	Read a book online.
Read to a family member.	Read to a pet (real or fake)!	Read while eating breakfast.	Read a nonfiction book!	Read a book in a spooky voice.
Read on a beach towel.	Turn on the TV. Mute it and turn on the captions. Read the captions!	Read a book in a whisper.	Read a book with sunglasses on!	Find a recipe. Read it!
Read to a stuffed animal.	Borrow a book from someone and read it.	Read during a picnic.	Read a book in bed.	Read a book two times in a row!
Let someone else pick a book for you to read.	Read a book pretending that you are a teacher reading aloud to your class.	Read while eating your favorite snack.	Read in a robot voice.	Read to someone on the phone.

WRITING EXTENSION: Keep a journal about each activity that you do!  
Include the book title and details about your experience.





# \_\_\_\_\_ 's Summer Reading Challenge

Each week choose a reading challenge, find a book that fits the challenge, and then record the name of the book you read!

Challenge	Book You Read
<input type="checkbox"/> A book your mom picks out for you	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book that your teacher read aloud in class last year	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book with a character that is an animal	
<input type="checkbox"/> An audiobook	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book that has blue on the cover	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book written by Dr. Seuss	
<input type="checkbox"/> An alphabet book	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book with no words	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book your dad picks out for you	
<input type="checkbox"/> A non-fiction book	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book with snow on the cover	
<input type="checkbox"/> Listen to someone read you a book	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book that was made into a movie	
<input type="checkbox"/> Your favorite book	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book that takes place inside the ocean	
<input type="checkbox"/> A book recommended by a friend	



# Summer Reading Challenge

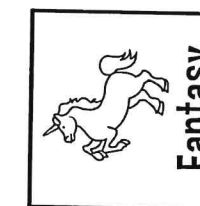
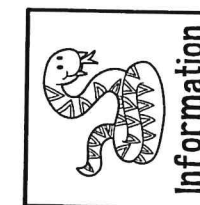
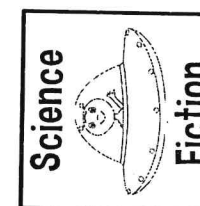
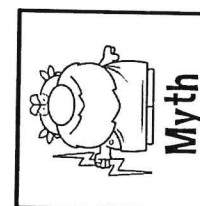
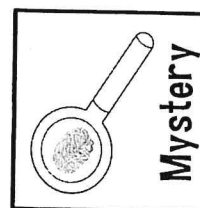
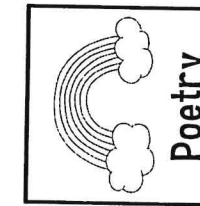
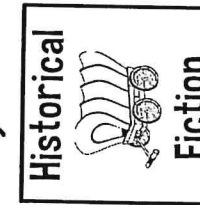
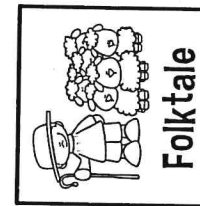
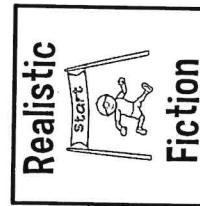
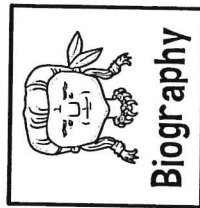
How many books can you read this Summer?

Set your goal! Track your progress! Earn badges!

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

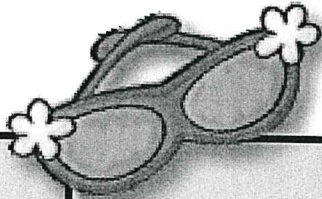
My Summer reading goal is  minutes.

Color in a badge for each genre of book that you read:

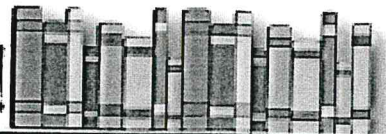


Color in a bar each time you read for 20 minutes. Can you get to 300?

MINUTES READ
300
280
260
240
220
200
180
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20



# LOOK WHAT I READ!



Date	Title and Author	Genre F=Fiction I=Informational P=Poetry	How would you rate this book?
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# Summer Reading Challenge

## Reading All Shapes & Sizes

- Read a fiction book
- Read a letter
- Read a newspaper
- Read an eBook
- Read a recipe
- Read a postcard
- Read a mystery
- Read a biography
- Read a menu
- Read instructions
- Read poetry
- Read a joke book
- Read a magazine
- Read a dictionary!
- Read a chapter book
- Read a picture book
- Read a comic
- Read a non-fiction book
- Read song lyrics
- Read a blog page
- Read a web page about a theme park.
- Read a greetings card
- Read a historical book.

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## Reading All Over the Place

- Read in bed
- Read upside down
- Read outside
- Read by a pool
- Read to a pet
- Read aloud like an opera singer!
- Read to a friend
- Read with sunglasses
- Read in a hat
- Read by torchlight
- Read to a parent
- Read at the library
- Read to a grandparent
- Read in the park
- Read aloud in a whisper
- Read over the phone
- Read while eating ice cream
- Read to your favorite toy
- Read to a neighbor
- Read under an umbrella
- Read with music
- Read standing up

Can you meet the challenge?  
Can you check it all off?

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

## WHAT to Read

- Read an eBook
- Read a comic book
- Read a mystery
- Read a recipe
- Read poetry
- Read a "how-to" book
- Read a biography
- Read a joke book
- Read a chapter book
- Read a play
- Read a menu
- Read close captioning on TV
- Read a magazine
- Read song lyrics

## HOW to Read

- Read with a flashlight
- Read to a parent
- Read to a sibling
- Read to a pet
- Read outside
- Read to a grandparent
- Read to a neighbor
- Read to a baby
- Read at the public library
- Read to a stuffed animal
- Whisper read

# Reading Scavenger Hunt

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read each kind of book.  
Keep track of the titles.  
Challenge an adult to do it,  
too!

How To Book

FANTASY

Comic Book

MAGAZINE

Poetry

Cookbook

Mystery

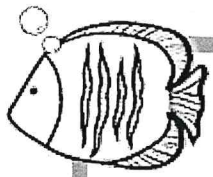
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Science

Travel

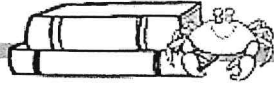
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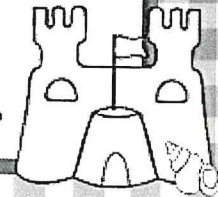
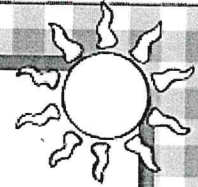
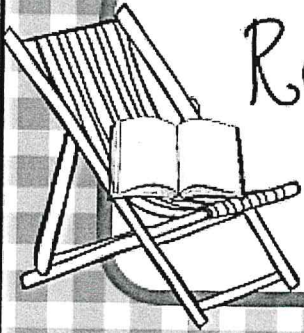
GOOD BOOK!



SUMMER

Relax with a

good book!

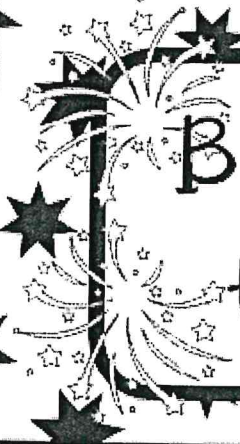


Books are a  
sweet summer  
treat!



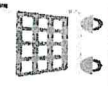
Books are something

to CELEBRATE!



Fun #11

Using the Emoji as inspiration, create a story on the lines provided. Make sure you use each emoji at least once in place of a word. Remember your story should have a beginning, middle, and end.

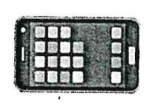


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

A series of horizontal lines for writing a story.

**Fun #12**

Using the Emoji as inspiration, create a story on the lines provided. Make sure you use each emoji at least one time in place of a word. Remember our story should have a beginning, middle, and end.



**Directions:**

Blank lined writing area with 18 horizontal lines for the student to write their story.





Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prompt:** What is your favorite thing to do at the beach?

*Remember to restate the question, stick to the topic, and write in complete sentences.*

**Word Bank:**

surfing

swimming

relaxing

sandcastle

boogie board

frisbee

volleyball

ocean

**Check your work. Did I?**  Restate  Use capitals  Use punctuation  
 Spell word bank and question words correctly  Stay on topic