



Summer Reading Projects



1st and 2nd Grade

“*Summer slide*” is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. Reading over the summer not only keeps your child from losing ground, but actually improves skills for the coming year.

Although it is not required, we highly encourage your child to read at least four grade level appropriate books during the summer. Additionally, have your child complete a project from the list below for at least TWO of the books. These projects can be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher at the start of a school year for a special prize from administration. Happy reading!

Summer Reading Project Options (one per book):

- Create a book jacket that can help others understand what the book is about.
- Draw and color a picture of the main character of the book. Write three to five things about the character.
- Use magazine photos to create a collage about the story.
- Write a letter to a character in the book.
- Write a book review. Make sure to include what the book was about and what you liked or did not like about the book.
- Pretend the book is going to be made into a movie! Create a movie poster for the book.
- Draw a picture that shows a different ending for the book.
- Bring a small paper bag with 5 school appropriate small items that represent your book.
- Create a shoe box diorama about an important part of the book.
- Make a map of the setting from your book.