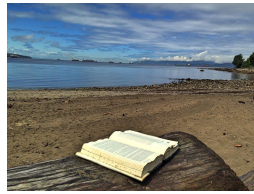


Summer Reading 2020



A major goal in reading instruction is to have children become life-long readers by enjoying independent reading. Children have been learning to choose books that match their independent reading level so that they can build reading stamina. These books, *just right books*, may appear too easy to parents, but the children are practicing more difficult reading skills on slightly easier texts. A just-right book for a student is one in which he or she attains 96% proficiency in reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension. Therefore, as with any skill, a person needs to practice, practice, practice. We ask that your child continue to read at the successful level at which he or she completed the school year.

Research has shown that to maintain and strengthen reading skills and not regress during the vacation, a child should read throughout the whole summer and not just prior to the beginning of school.

We suggest that your child:

- should read every day.
- should read as many books as possible this summer.
- read at about the same level all summer. Advancing your child too many levels of books for independent reading may cause comprehension to decrease.
- talk to you about the characters, plot, sequence of events, etc. in the book he or she is reading.
- be encouraged to reread books that he or she truly enjoys.
- read a variety of books (fiction, non-fiction, poetry).
- stray from these levels if a student has high interest in a topic or a series, but please don't stray too far, too often!

We are happy to share that our print and digital resources will be available throughout the summer. We hope you take advantage of these wonderful

offerings, and school-specific choices found on your school library's website.

- Paramus Public Library's "Imagine Your Story" NJ Statewide Reading Club 2020 (*& curbside pickup availability*)
- Reading A-Z (*Log in through Clever*)
- [Epic](#)
- [Tumble Books](#)
- [Scholastic Summer Read-A-Palooza](#)

We wish you a story-filled summer and lots of finger cramps from page-turning!

The Elementary Team