
The Literacy Link!



Summer Reading Tips!

Summer time is a perfect time to keep reading! Taking the time to read with your child can help them retain what they've already learned and even learn some new skills and words along the way. Here are a few ideas to make reading enjoyable for your child this summer:

Read aloud together every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, the patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

Set a good example! Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book.



Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it. This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

Take our audiobooks from the library. Listen to them in the car on the long family drives while heading to the beach or anywhere! You can even turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

Take your children to the library regularly. Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age-appropriate lists for summer reading.

Resource: *Reading Rockets*



The Center School Literacy Specialists' End-of-Year Edition

Welcome to the end-of-year edition of our Literacy Link newsletter! Our goal for this newsletter is to provide you with some information about current events happening in our school as well as the community of Stow in the area of literacy. We also have some reading tips for Summer Break. We hope you find it beneficial!

If you ever have a question about your child's progress in reading or writing, you are always encouraged to contact your child's teacher, but you are also more than welcome to e-mail your Center School literacy specialists with any questions. You can reach us at: kunger@nrsd.net

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Please visit The Center School Literacy Specialists' website located under "Staff Directory" tab; click on "Support Staff"

Important Dates to Remember!

Thursday 6/15- Stow Picnic at Center School 5:00-7:30

Monday 6/19- Grade 5 Celebration 9:00-10:30

Tuesday 6/20- Last Day of School: Student Dismissal at 11:35am

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Visit the library to get some good books for summer reading!



Be on the lookout for some great summer reading book suggestions as well as a Reading Activity Calendar!

You will be receiving Summer Reading brochures at the end of the school year. However, you may also access the brochures and the Reading Activity Calendar from The Center School website.

- Click on the "Families" tab
- Scroll down to "Reading Lists"
- Click on the grade level that interests you.



Randall Library

19 Crescent Street
Stow, MA, 978-897-8572

If you or your child needs a library card, library cards are free for any Massachusetts resident. Adults (over 18) should bring a driver's license with a current address, or other proof of residence to the library.

Reading Really is Fundamental!

No one is going to debate the importance of being able to read in order to learn and navigate through life. But reading provides many surprising and important additional benefits.

Reading makes kids better at math. A British study found that students who frequently read for pleasure not only had better vocabulary and spelling—which is to be expected—but that those students were *also* more proficient in math. The theory is that reading exposes

students to new ideas, which may make new math concepts easier to comprehend.

Reading fiction helps children be more empathetic. The University of Buffalo found that students who read stories could put themselves into other people's situations more easily, and had increased compassion.

Reading can boost self-esteem and communication skills. One education provider says that since students who read usually have an enhanced vocabulary, they can often find the words

to express themselves and do not feel as frustrated and angry.

Reading changes the structure of the brain. In a six-month daily reading program, scientists found that the amount of white matter in an area of the brain associated with language actually increased. Another study found that reading helps the brain exercise cognitive function.

Source: Edudemic: *Connecting Education and Technology*