

Making The Most of Summer Reading

This is an exciting time for your child as a reader! We have a long summer to relax, so it's important that developing readers continue to practice their reading skills every day to keep them fresh.



We recommend that children continue to read out loud to you for 10-15 minutes per day from a “just right book”. A “Just Right” book should be a book that your child can read comfortably and understand with little help from you!



Continue to read aloud to your child from a variety of different genres and from books on a variety of different topics. You never know what will spark his or her interest!



Choose a series together to read over the summer and follow the same characters through different adventures!

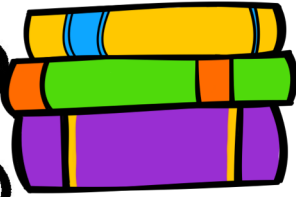


Encourage your child to reread for fluency or “reread until you sound like you are talking!”



Explore audio books! Listening to a book is a great option if a selected book is too hard for the reader,

Engaging Your Young Readers



As your children grow as readers, it is important to make sure that they are understanding what they are reading. Here are some quick and easy prompts you can ask after your children finish reading to encourage comprehension!



Who are the characters? What are they like?

How did the character feel when _____? How do you know?

Why did the character _____?

Did the character change in the story? How?

What is the setting? Where does the story take place? When does it take place?

What is the problem? How is the problem solved?

What lesson do the characters learn?

What do you predict will happen next?

What did you learn about this topic?

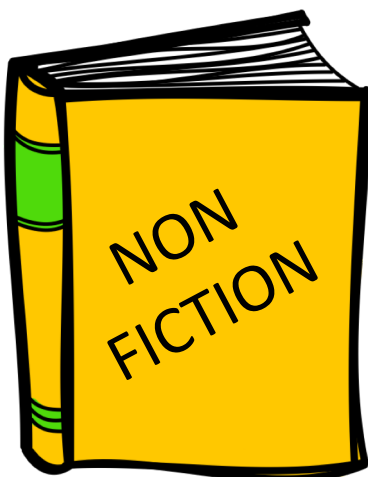
Did you notice any text features? How do they help you?

What was the big idea in this book? What did the author want you to learn?

Do you think this is a good title for the book? Why or why not?

What are some new words that you learned?

Do you have any questions after reading this book?



Responding To Reading

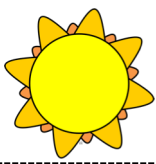
**Keep a journal this summer and write about what you are reading!
Here are some ideas of things you can write about!**

Fiction Prompts

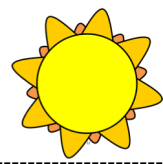
1. What was your favorite part of the story? Why was this part important?
2. How did the main character change in the story?
3. What lesson did the character learn in the story?
4. Does this book (or a part of the book) remind you of another book? Explain the similarities between the two books.
5. Does this book (or a part of the book) remind you of someone or something in your life? Explain why/how.
6. What was the unique about the way the author wrote the book?
7. Describe the main character. What are some character traits that describe him or her? Be sure to use evidence from the book!
8. What was the setting? How does the setting impact the story?
9. What was the problem? How was the problem solved?
10. How are you similar or different to the main character? Use at least 2 reasons to describe your thinking.

Nonfiction Prompts

1. What new or interesting information did you learn in this book?
2. Describe two nonfiction text features that you noticed. How did they help you understand the topic?
3. What was the main idea of the book? What did the author want you to learn?
4. What is something unique about this nonfiction book?
5. Why do you think the author chose the title? Is it a good title? Why or why not? If not, come up with an alternate title.



Pick-A-Prompt



Do you have a hard time of thinking of what to write?
Cut up the summer-themed prompts below, put them
in a jar and then pick one to write!



What is your favorite family summer tradition?



How would summer vacation be different if it was taken during the winter months?



Describe how to build a sandcastle. Use sequence words to help you.



Does your family have any special rules during the summer? What are they?



What is your favorite summer memory so far?



What is your favorite summer treat? Why?



Should you catch lightning bugs and keep them in a jar? Why or why not?



Is it better to be outside or inside during the summer? Explain your thinking.



Bedtime should be later during the summer. Agree or disagree? Explain why.



Should teachers assign summer homework? Why or why not?



How did you spend the 4th of July?



Which month of summer is the best? Why?



Write a poem describing a beautiful summer day. Use your 5 senses to help!



Write a story from the perspective of a fish. What would it be like to live underwater?



Write about the first time you jumped or dove into the deep end of the pool.



Have you learned a new skill this summer? If not, what would you like to learn?



How are the beginning and end of summer different?



Write about a summer camp experience.