

## Summer Reading Ideas for Parents

Summer reading is one of the most important things a child can do to maintain and sharpen skills for the upcoming school year, as well as to foster a lifelong love of reading. Adults can help by ensuring that children have sufficient and varied reading material available and by participating in the reading experience. Ideas for parents follow.

**L**ead by example. Make sure your children see you reading for pleasure and for information.

**O**ffer your child choices in reading materials.

**V**isit your local library regularly. Librarians can make reading recommendations for children of every age and interest. In addition, many libraries offer incentives and special programs during the summer months.

**E**nrich the reading experience with shared reading moments regularly. Invite your child to help read and follow a recipe. Read a newspaper article together. Share a favorite book at bedtime.

**T**ake books or other reading materials on trips – both short and long. Books are great for breaking the boredom.

**O**rganize activities around reading. Read about a sport or a sports hero with the child who is engaged in a summer sport. Purchase or borrow ‘how to’ books or magazines for the burgeoning scientist or crafter in your family and engage in the activity together.

**R**ead together. Set aside a time to read together. Read aloud or take turns reading. Discuss it together.

**E**xtend your child’s reading experiences to and beyond books. Start a comic book collection. Subscribe to a children’s magazine.

**A**sk about topics your child will be studying in science and social studies and start reading about them over the summer.

**D**iscover new authors or new interests through reading. Check Children’s Choices and Teachers’ Choices for book recommendations.

