

SUMMER READING

Tips and Ideas:

Choose books that look interesting and fun to read. Find books that are "just right".

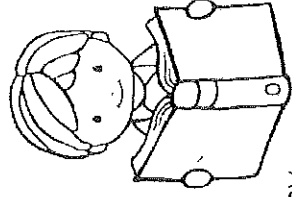
Visit the public library. Read some books there or listen to storytime. Explore and select some books to take home.

Find fun and new places to read. Get creative and think of something different.

Invite friends over for a reading party. Have popcorn, listen to music, and READ!

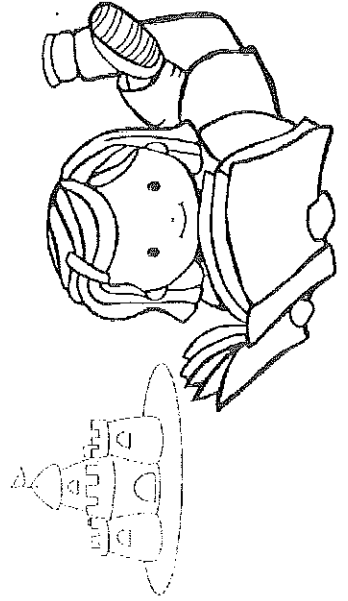
Read on your vacation. Pack and take books with you in your bag to read when you are looking for something to do.

Read a book and then watch the movie version or act out the story with a friend.



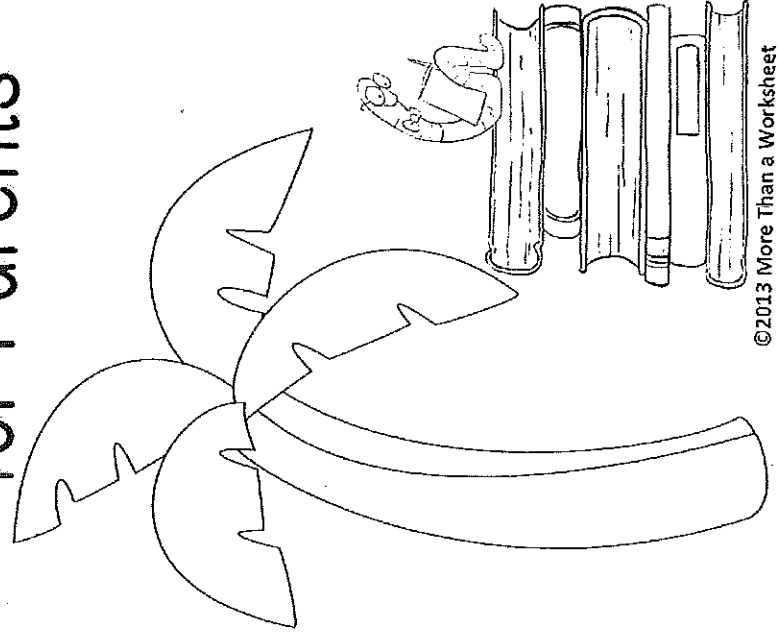
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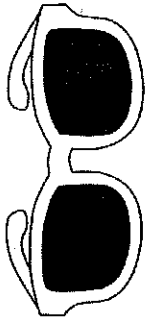
- * Visit the public library
- * Visit the bookstore
- * Listen to books while driving
- * Take turns reading
- * Find fun places to read
- * Try a new book series
- * Re-read an old favorite
- * Swap books with a friend
- * Find books at a thrift store
- * Read books about places you hope to visit one day
- * Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
- * Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- * Read books, then watch the movie version and compare



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A Guide for Parents



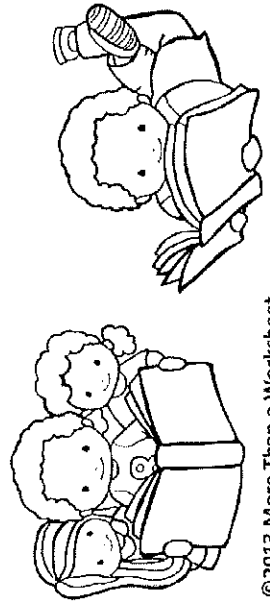


Dear Parents,
 Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

*Research from Reading is Fundamental
<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/keeping-kids-off-the-summer-slide.htm>



Read a Book Online

Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books

<http://www.storylineonline.net>

International Children's Library—a large collection of stories from around the world

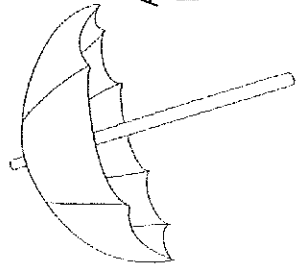
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

Storynory—a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online

<http://www.storynory.com>

PBS Kids—fun, animated stories perfect for reading along

<http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/>



Also, check with your local library. Many lend free e-books for Kindle or other tablets!

Recommended Authors

Grades K-2
 Margaret Wise Brown
 Eric Carle
 Leo Leonni
 Mary Pope Osborne
 Dr. Seuss
 Sandra Boynton
 Barbara Park
 Donald Crews
 Lois Ehlert
 Bill Martin Jr.
 Jan Brett
 Marc Brown
 Tomie DePaola
 Steven Kellogg
 Maurice Sendak
 Jane Yolen



Grades 3-5
 Sharon Creech
 Louis Sachar
 Lemony Snicket
 Shel Silverstein
 Jeff Kinney
 RJ Palacio
 Lois Lowry
 Jack Prelutsky
 Madeline L'Engle
 Beverly Cleary
 Patricia Polacco
 EB White
 Roald Dahl
 Chris VanAllsburg
 Judy Blume
 Jean Fritz

