

**Lower and Middle Primary – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**  
**2023- 2024 Summer Reading Recommendation**

Dear Parents:

Students should read five books at their level throughout the summer and make journal entries weekly. The Journal should include the title, author, sentence, and picture of their favorite part of the story. Also, please continue reviewing your sight words.

Please be sure that the children return their journals in September.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
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## **SUMMERTIME IS READING TIME**

### **Parents Foster a Love of Reading**

Reading aloud to their children.

Permitting children to read before sleep can be a reward- a story allows the child to go to sleep one-half hour later than normal bedtime.

Allowing the child to select their reading material for this reading time. Children will expand their interests as their reading improves.

Having children read stories as they listen to a tape of the same story.

### **Model reading by turning off the TV and reading for pleasure.**

This is often cited as the most important factor influencing children's reading habits.

Check with your local library about their summer reading program. Sign up!

### **Suggestions for Improving Comprehension**

1. Set a purpose for reading by asking questions before reading a selection.
2. After reading:
  - Have your child summarize the important ideas verbally or in writing.
  - Find the story elements (characters, setting (where and when), and plot.
  - Look for meanings that are hidden between the lines.
3. Use SQ3R Method to study the factual material.
  - SURVEY – read only the headlines, captions, and summaries.
  - QUESTION – ask Who, What, Where, When, and Why questions.
  - READ – read to find the answers to your questions.
  - RECITE – write and study the answers to your questions.
  - REVIEW
4. Keep a vocabulary file box or notebook. Add new words daily. Challenge your child to use three new words a day in their conversation.
5. Keep up with current events. Read the paper and discuss what is happening.
6. Provide experiences that will help your child build a background of information.
7. ENJOY A BOOK WITH YOUR CHILD!

