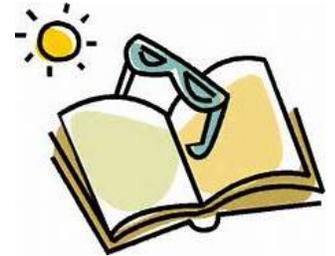


# 2018 Recommended Summer Reading: Grades K-5

Reading over the summer really does make a difference! Many families regard the summer break as just that—a break from school and other “requirements.” However, research shows that kids who do not read in the summer fall behind, while kids who do read, maintain or even excel in their reading skills. All children, no matter their families’ income levels, can fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities.

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your children to read over the summer and helping them find books that they can read and comprehend. Parental support is vital to helping your children reap the benefits of reading achievement.



Knowing that summer reading is associated with higher achievement, St. Louise School teachers recommend that our students entering grades K-5 read something for at least 20 minutes every day in June, July, and August. We want our students to practice daily the reading strategies they just learned over the past nine months. We believe spending just 20 minutes a day reading in the summer will make a difference in children’s reading success when they resume school in the fall. This 20 minutes doesn’t have to be continuous. If it works better for your family’s schedule to build in some minutes in the morning and some later in the evening, that’s fine. We simply want to encourage parents to expect your children to read EVERY DAY in the summer!

*Following are some great resources and ideas to make a summer of reading fun and easy...*

## Read a Book Online

Ebooks are available online for free! Go to our school library’s webpage to search for ebooks of interest: [St. Louise Library's Destiny Database.](#)

*Here are some great websites to read online:*

- *International Children’s Library — a large collection of stories from around the world:* [www.en.childrenslibrary.org](http://www.en.childrenslibrary.org)
  - *Storynory — a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online:* [www.storynory.com](http://www.storynory.com)
  - *Storyline Online — celebrities read aloud favorite children’s books:* [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)
  - *ABCya! — award winning site with various subject activities for your child’s specific grade level:* [www.ABCya!.com](http://www.ABCya!.com)
- *Fun Brain — great online resource for reading and finding new books to read:* [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)



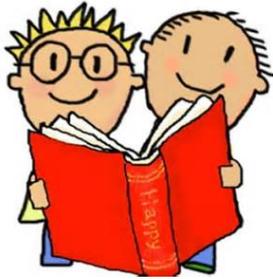
# Recommended Authors

**Grades K-2:** *Margaret Wise Brown, Eric Carle, Ben Clanton, Leo Lionni, Mary Pope Osborne, Dr. Seuss, Sandra Boynton, Barbara Park, Donald Crews, Robert Munsch, Lois Ehlert, Bill Martin Jr., Jan Brett, Tomie DePaola, Steven Kellogg, Jane Yolen, Kimberly Dean, Mo Willems.*

**Grades 3-5:** *Shel Silverstein, Roald Dahl, Lemony Snicket, Jeff Kinney, R. J. Palacio, Lois Lowry, Jack Prelutsky, Beverly Cleary, EB White, Judy Blume, Chis VanAllsburg, Jean Fritz, Madeline L'Engle.*

# Summer Reading Ideas

1. Visit your local library! Help your child find books that are of high interest and not beyond his/her reading level. Sign up for King County Library System's "Summer Reading Program." You may sign up at your library or online at [https://kcls.org/browse\\_program/summer-reading/](https://kcls.org/browse_program/summer-reading/)



2. Set a good example. When your child sees you reading, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.

3. For younger children, read to and read with your child. Be sure to read with expression! Explore different types of reading such as poetry.

4. Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling an item are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.

5. Play games with words. These can improve vocabulary!

6. If your child has access to a computer device (Kindle, iPad, etc.), there are many interactive books and apps that address reading skills.

7. Visit a bookstore and treat your child to a book. Just spending an hour in the store exploring and thumbing through the books is a treat in itself.

8. Try a new book series or re-read an old favorite.

9. Read books about places you want to visit one day. Find the place on a map or globe and then virtually explore it on the web.

10. Read the book, then watch the movie version. Discuss the differences and similarities.

11. Find fun places to read – the beach, the porch, a hammock, a fort made of blankets...

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**Have a happy and healthy summer. Be sure to read, read, and read some more. Not only can we prevent the "summer slide" together, we can accelerate your child's reading growth. ...READY...SET...READ!**