



# Summer Reading 2019

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## The Importance of Summer Reading

Hello at Home,

Perhaps you have heard of the term, "Summer Slide." This refers to serious learning loss that can occur when students take a break from academics during the summer months. Research shows that students who don't read over summer vacation may lose **two or three** months of reading development. Over time, these lost months add up to years and by the end of 5th grade, students who don't read during the summer fall nearly **two years behind** those who do!

Luckily, there is a solution! Students who read as few as **four to six books** over summer vacation can stop or even reverse the Summer Slide.

Here are some suggestions for staying on track this summer!

- **Schedule**—Develop a routine for summer learning. Consider scheduling this in the morning, before the rest of the day's activities.
- **Space**—Set up a station or area in the house with a calendar and checklist of what needs to be done each day.
- **Supplies**—Gather books, games, paper, pencils. Anything that will keep children engaged and excited about summer learning!
- **Read Every Day**—We suggest reading every day for at least 20 minutes. This will help maintain or even improve reading levels from the end of the school year.

- **Hands On Learning**—Think of ways to make learning multi-sensory. Create scavenger hunts, play games, write words with materials like Play-Doh and shaving cream.
- **Write**—Give your children real purpose for writing. Make lists, write letters and emails, keep travel journals.

Don't forget to complete the Bedwell Summer Reading Log and return it to school in September for special recognition! Have a safe and fun summer! Happy Reading!

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## Again This Summer! Bedwell Lending Library

This summer, Bedwell will once again host a lending library program, made possible through our generous HSA. Children who are reading on levels A/1 through G/11 will receive letters inviting them to visit Bedwell Mondays through Thursdays, 9-11 A.M. to borrow books to read and practice at home. The lending library currently focuses on providing books at the earlier levels because these materials can be difficult to find at libraries and book stores. We hope to see families take advantage of this exciting opportunity!



## At the Bernardsville Library

- Easy access leveled reading collections for levels A-J
- Suggested leveled reading lists and available books for levels K-Z
  - Most titles on the Bedwell Summer Reading List
  - A selection of books from the Bedwell School Library

## Free Digital Collection

- **Tumblebooks**

Link: <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com>

Login: bedwell

Password: books

# Summer Reading Suggestions

## Picture Book Authors

Marc Barnett  
Jan Brett  
Eric Carle  
Doreen Cronin  
Drew Daywalt  
James Dean  
Tomie dePaola  
Anna Dewdney  
David Ezra Stein  
Don Freeman  
Kevin Henkes  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Leo Lionni  
Bill Martin Jr.  
Robert Munsch  
Laura Numeroff  
Jane O'Connor  
Margie Palatini  
Patricia Polacco  
Cynthia Rylant  
Dan Santat  
David Shannon  
Mo Willems

## Fiction Series for Younger Readers

*Fly Guy!*  
by Tedd Arnold  
*Henry and Mudge*  
by Cynthia Rylant  
*Frog and Toad*  
by Arnold Lobel  
*Bones*  
by David Adler  
*Amelia Bedelia*  
by Peggy Parish  
*Mercy Watson*  
by Kate DiCamillo  
*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*  
by Dav Pilkey  
*Bink and Gollie*  
by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee  
*Haggis and Tank Unleashed*  
by Jessica Young  
*Bad Kitty*  
by Nick Bruel  
*Confetti Kids*  
by Paula Yoo

## Nonfiction Series

*Who Was...* (biography series)  
*What Was...*  
*Ordinary People Change the World*  
*Weird but True*  
*Fly Guy Presents*  
*Smithsonian Readers*  
*National Geographic Kids Readers*  
*If You...* (history series)  
*Scholastic True or False*  
*Let's Read and Find Out*  
*True Books*  
*You Wouldn't Want to Be...*  
*Magic Tree House Companions*  
*Optical Illusions*

## Historical Fiction Series

*I Survived...*  
by Lauren Tarshis  
*Ranger in Time*  
by Kate Messner  
*Gladiator School*  
by Dan Scott

## Mystery Series for Older Readers

*Ballpark Mysteries*  
by David A. Kelley  
*Secrets of the Manor*  
by Adele Whitby  
*The Haunted Library*  
by Dori Hillestad Butler  
*A to Z Mysteries*  
by Ron Roy  
*Friday Barnes*  
by R.A. Spratt  
*39 Clues*  
by various authors  
*Nancy Drew*  
by Carolyn Keene  
*Hardy Boys*  
by Franklin Dixon  
*Encyclopedia Brown*  
by Donald J. Sobol

## Fantasy Series for Older Readers

*The Doll People*  
by Ann M. Martin  
*Magic Tree House*  
by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Rainbow Magic Fairies*  
by Daisy Meadows  
*Beasts of Olympus*  
by Lucy Coats  
*Whatever After*  
by Sarah Mlynowski  
*The Familiars*  
by Adam Jay Epstein  
*The Olympians*  
by Rick Riordan  
*Dragon Slayers' Academy*  
by Kate McMullan  
*Harry Potter*  
by J.K. Rowling

## Transitional Chapter Books (Branches by Scholastic)

*Critter Club*  
by Callie Barkley  
*Dragon Masters*  
by Tracey West  
*The Last Firehawk*  
by Katarina Charman  
*The Notebook of Doom*  
by Troy Cummings

## Chapter Books for Older Readers

*Dog Man*  
by Dav Pilkey  
*Big Nate*  
by Lincoln Peirce  
*Stick Dog & Stick Cat*  
by Tom Watson  
*The Wild Robot*  
by Peter Brown  
*Dog Diaries*  
by Kate Klimo

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_



### Directions

- Before returning the calendar to school, write your child's name and homeroom for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Optimally your child should read or be read to **every day**.
- **Color the square** or **mark the days** during the summer that your child reads.
- Sign the form and **return to school by Friday, September 6.**
- Any child who reads at least **twice a week** will be recognized.

### July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

My favorite summer read was:

List some other books that you enjoyed this summer on the back !



Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by September 6, 2019

