



Roxbury Public Schools

2010 Suggested Summer Reading

For Students
Entering 1st Grade

Consider these two powerful statements...

- ❑ *Reading aloud is the most important thing you can do to help your child be a successful reader!*
- ❑ *Children who read succeed!*

Given this... make summer a time to invite your child into the **world of books!**



Make Reading Fun!

Throw a book exchange party! Trade gently used books with friends.

Make your own audio book. Set up a "listening station" in your home, where your child can listen to books on tape that you have either made or purchased.

Have a reading picnic. Take favorite food and books to the park!

Make character puppets. Use Popsicle sticks and paper to make stick puppets, then have your child retell the story using their creations.

Explore local summer reading programs. Check out the wonderful programs that are being offered at the [Roxbury Public Library](#) and at [Barnes and Noble!](#)

Read to your child. Read something of interest to you and your child.

Read with your child. Pause on words or phrases your child may know and let him or her read the print. Reading from memory is OKAY! It is the beginning of learning to read.

Let your child read to you. If your child can read a book, even from memory, let your child show off!

Let your child see you read. Children want to be just like us, so if they see us reading, they will want to read, too.

Make reading fun, not a chore. Excitement for reading is lost when everything that is read becomes a lesson. Children who enjoy reading will become good students.

Where to Find Things to Read

Visit the Roxbury Public Library. Miss Liz is always ready to help find the perfect book! Check out their summer reading program. Please call (973) 584-2400 ext. 113 for more info.

Read outside print! It's everywhere & it's free! Read signs, labels on boxes (great in the supermarket).

Check your mailbox.

Read newspapers, toy catalogs, bills and children's magazines.

Check out the WWW. Sites like www.mrsp.com, www.starfall.com, and www.storylineonline.net have some wonderful on-line stories that you can access for free!



Get ready to read! Shop for summer reading materials and gifts for the whole family at...

BARNES and NOBLE in Ledgewood, NJ on

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010, 9 AM to 9 PM.

By making a purchase on this date, you will not only be ready to read for the summer, but you will also help support the Roxbury Public Schools. A portion of the proceeds from that day will go towards the purchase of reading materials for the district's schools.

When checking out, all you need to do is proudly wear your Roxbury gear, tell the cashier that you are supporting our schools, or submit the certificate on the back of this newsletter! Shopping for more than summer reading? Great idea... get your graduation and Father's Day gifts on June 10th. RHS Key Club members will even wrap your gift(s) for FRFF!
(See the back of this newsletter for more information)



Before, During and After Reading

Before reading... Look at the cover and have your child try to guess what the book will be about. Read the title and the name of the author/illustrator. If the book has a lot of pictures, have your child do a picture walk and talk about them to get the idea of the story, but keep the ending a surprise! ☺

During Reading... Children love to hear favorites, again and again! On the first reading, pause only to ask what might happen next or if your child wants to make a comment – remember, you are reading for enjoyment! On a second reading, possibly talk about some tricky words. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages, whenever possible.

After reading... Talk about what the story reminded both of you of. You may ask your child to retell the story, talk about a favorite part or do an art project related to the book.

Literature and Math: Perfect Together!

Research has shown that children learn mathematical concepts best through language and the manipulation of concrete objects. The books below are but a few that can be presented to young children that spark excitement and create opportunities to learn about math.

How Many Snails? – Paul Giganti, Jr.

Ten Apples Up on Top – Theodore LeSeig

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish – Dr. Seuss

Greedy Triangle – Marilyn Burns

The Grouch Ladybug – Eric Carle

Cookies Week – Cindy Ward

Mouse Count – Ellen Stoll Walsh

Rooster's Off to See the World – Eric Carle

The M & M's Counting Book – Barbara McGrath

Ten Beads Tall – Michael Twinn

Bennie's Pennies – Pat Brisson

How Big is a Foot? – Rolf Myllar

Offered by:
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Did I Hear Someone Say, "Free Book!"?

Barnes and Noble is once again sponsoring a summer reading program. Read any eight books and record them on the *Barnes and Noble* Summer Reading Journal, bring the completed Journal to *B&N* by September 7, 2010 and have the opportunity to choose a FREE book from the list designated by *B&N*. Get your Summer Reading Journal from *B&N* when you visit on the 10th!

A Good Place to Start

The following list is a good place to start your summer reading (fiction and non-fiction), but it is only a beginning. Other titles by these authors or other authors offer enjoyable reading.

The Earth Book, Todd Parr, 2010.

The Curious Garden, Peter Brown, 2009.

Smile, Leigh Hodgkinson, 2009.

Doug Dennis and the Flyaway Fib, Darren Farrell, 2010.

Miss Brooks Loves Books (And I Don't), Michael Emberley, 2010.

The City Kid and the Suburb Kid, Deb Pilutti, 2008.

Party Animals, Kathie Lee Gifford, 2010.

I Can Be Anything, Jerry Spinelli, 2010.

The Vegetables We Eat, Gail Gibbons, 2007.

Bedtime for Mommy, Amy Rosenthal, 2010.

Max's Dragon, Kate Banks, 2008.



Reading Development: Points to Keep in Mind

(Obtained from www.pbs.org)

Many parents are amazed at how much their children's reading develops in only a few short years. From kindergarten through third grade, children progress from reading simple picture books containing only a few words per page to reading chapter books that contain only a few pictures. Children learn new reading skills each year. Most children in kindergarten through grade three go through these stages of reading development:

Kindergarteners read simple, predictable books by drawing on their memory of a book that has been read aloud to them and referring to the pictures. They may also begin to recognize short, commonly used words that are repeated in the text.

1st graders begin to "crack the code" of written language by using their knowledge of simple words and the relationships between sounds and letters to *decode* words.

2nd & 3rd graders are able to read increasingly difficult words. They also begin to read with greater speed, fluency, and expression.

Note: Given these natural stages of development, treasure the development you see in your child. Just like learning to walk, learning to read takes time and practice!

Make reading a part of your family's summer... not only will you help your child to develop as a reader, you will also create memories that will last a lifetime! Happy Reading!