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!

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

Buddy read with your child. Take turns reading the pages in a book. You can read the left side and your child can read the right side.

Let your child read independently. Give your child the freedom to pick up a book whenever the mood strikes!

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.

Throw a book exchange party! Trade favorite books with friends.

Dress up and act out a favorite part of the book.

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

Explore local summer reading programs. Check out the wonderful programs that are being offered at the Roxbury Public Library in Succasunna and at Barnes and Noble in Ledgewood!

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.

Grade Level Favorites

Anything by James Preller, Suzy Kline, Andrew Clements, Dan Gutman or Matt Christopher. Amelia Bedelia Chapter Books, Capital Mysteries, Magic School Bus Series, Puppy Place, Rainbow Fairies, Hank Zipper, Calvin Coconuts or Justin Case, the entire Humphrey Series, Time Warp Trio Series, Stick Dog by Watson.

A Website Worth Visiting...

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.

Check your mailbox.

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

Check out the WWW.

Continue to use Raz-Kids through August 31st. www.msp.com, www.storylinenline.net, and www.ictdlbooks.org have some wonderful on-line stories that you can access for free!

Where to Find Things to Read

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Series Fever!

Have you heard, “Can I get the next book in the series? Please, please!” If yes, then your child has caught Series Fever. If not, this summer may be the time to help your child discover a series that he/she can get hooked on reading.

Popular series books for this age group can include: Humphrey the Hamster, Judy Moody, Stink, Geronimo Stilton, Jigsaw Jones, Bailey School Kids, Magic Tree House, Amber Brown, Third Grade Detectives, Abraacadabra, Hank the Cow Dog & American Girl.

What makes series like these so appealing to kids? First and foremost, they foster excitement for and a confidence in reading. They also build upon one another, creating story language that your child can easily follow. At times, the literary merit of these series can be questioned; however, these “formula fiction” books are necessary in helping your child to develop a “need to read.”

So, head on out to the library, book store, local garage sale or a friend’s house and help your child to discover and build a series collection that he/she calls their own! For more information on series books, visit...

http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp

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.

Horrid Harry (series), Francesca Simon, 2009.

The Composer is Dead, Lemony Snicket, 2009.

Punctuation Stations, Brian Cleary, 2010.


I Was a Third Grade Spy, Mary Jane Auch, 2003.


EcoMazes: 12 Earth Adventures, Roxie Munro, 2010.


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.

Domino Addition – Lynette Long

Gator Pie – Louise Mathews

The Grapes of Math – Greg Tang & Harry Briggs

Math Curse – Joe Scieszka & Lane Smith

Sir Cumference and the First Round Table – Cindy Neuschwander & Wayne Geehan

One Hundred Ways to Get to 100 – Jerry Pallotta

Apple Fractions – Jerry Pallotta

Anno’s Mysterious Multiplying Jar – Masaychiro Anno

I Hate Mathematics! Book – G. L. Swenson

Math Curse – Joe Scieszka & Lane Smith

Anno’s Mysterious Multiplying Jar – Masaychiro Anno

One Hundred Ways to Get to 100 – Jerry Pallotta

Apple Fractions – Jerry Pallotta

The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge, Joanna Cole, 2010

For Students Entering 3rd Grade

Encourage your child to use the reading strategies they have been working on throughout the year:

Comprehension Strategies:
- Making Connections, Asking Questions, Determining Importance, Synthesizing, Creating Images, Inferring

Using Fix Up Strategies/Decoding:
- Does that word make sense? What word would make sense?
- Identify parts of the word you already know. Go back and reread. Use context clues.

Keep a Vocabulary Journal.
- Illustrate the word. Define the word. Use the word.

A Website Worth Visiting...

At this site, children create their own book lists from over 6,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they’ve read offline & earn points and prizes for their literary success. Best part... it is all FREE!

Stop and Read!}

Looking for reading materials on your child’s reading level? Visit...

www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/ or http://home.comcast.net/~ngiansante/index.html

Final Thought...

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!

This suggested summer reading publication was developed at the district level to further support families in their reading initiatives.