

# Summer Reading Ideas



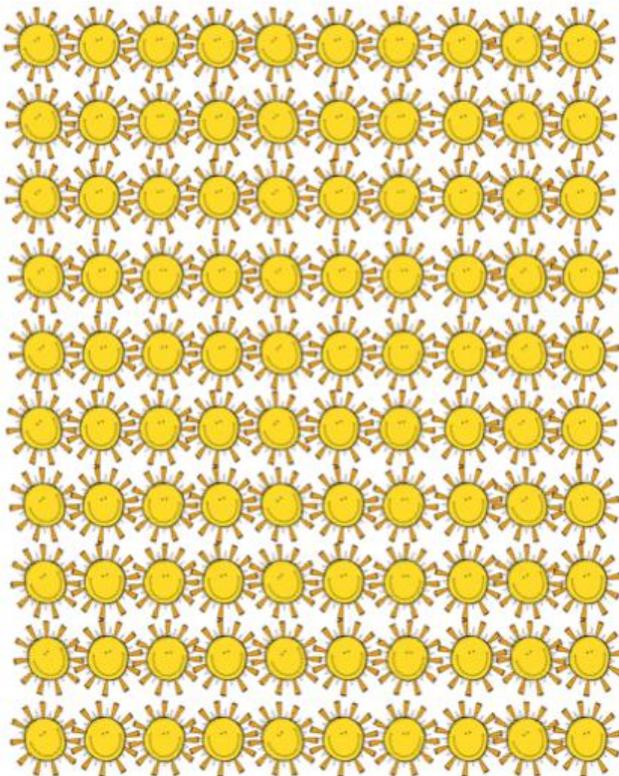
- \* Visit the public library
- \* Visit the bookstore
- \* Listen to books while driving
- \* Take turns reading
- \* Find fun places to read
- \* Try a new book series
- \* Re-read an old favorite
- \* Swap books with a friend
- \* Find books at a thrift store
- \* Read books about places you hope to visit one day
- \* Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
- \* Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- \* Read books, then watch the movie version and compare



# Summer Reading Challenge

Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!

Each sun represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes!



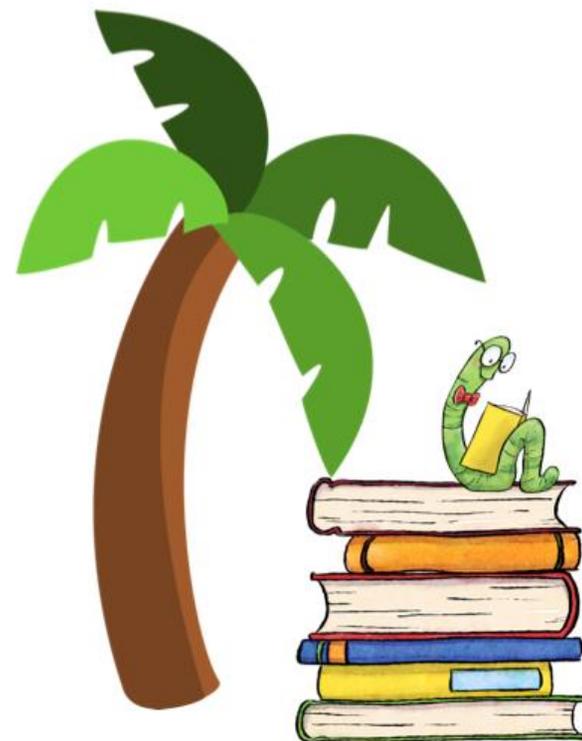
I read \_\_\_\_\_ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:

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# Summer Reading

## A Guide for Parents





Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,\* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

\*Research from Reading is Fundamental (www.rif.org)



# Read a Book Online

Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books  
<http://www.storylineonline.net>



International Children's Library—a large collection of stories from around the world  
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>



Storynory—a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online  
<http://www.storynory.com>



DOGOnews—current events news stories and articles on a variety of nonfiction topics  
<https://dogonews.com>



Also, check with **Mountainside Public Library.**

## Recommended Authors



- Grades 3–5
- Sharon Creech
  - Louis Sachar
  - Lemony Snicket
  - Shel Silverstein
  - Jeff Kinney
  - RJ Palacio
  - Lois Lowry
  - Jack Prelutsky
  - Madeline L'Engle
  - Beverly Cleary
  - Patricia Polacco
  - EB White
  - Roald Dahl
  - Chris VanAllsburg
  - Judy Blume
  - Jean Fritz
  - Kate DiCamillo
  - Rita Williams–Garcia
  - Ann M. Martin
  - Christopher Paul Curtis
  - R.L. Stine
  - Neil Gaiman
  - Jack Gantos
  - Gordon Korman
  - Dave Pilkey
  - Lincoln Peirce
  - David Alder
  - Megan McDonald
  - I Survived Series
  - Henry Winkler
  - Andrew Clements
  - Nick Bruel

