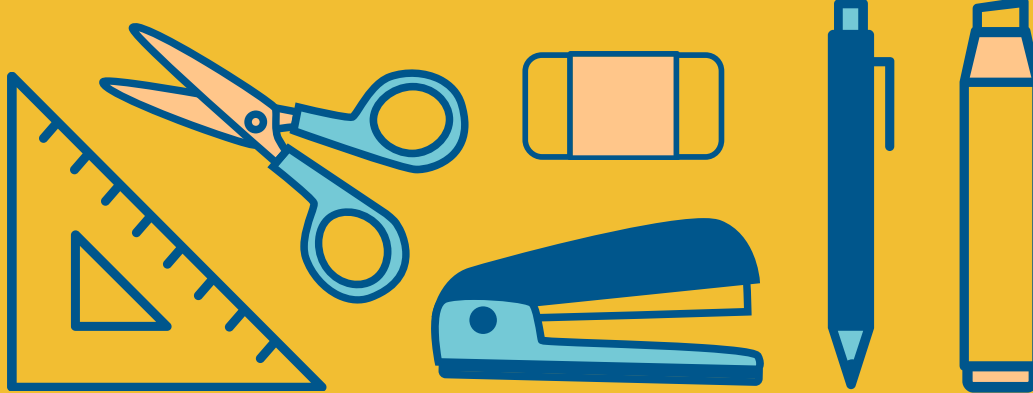




**JEFFERSON  
TOWNSHIP  
K-5  
SUMMER  
READING**



DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

SUMMER IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR STUDENTS TO KEEP READING! WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD READ FOR ENJOYMENT OVER THE SUMMER BREAK. CHILDREN WHO DO NOT READ REGULARLY OVER THE SUMMER, MAY EXPERIENCE “SUMMER SLIDE”—A DECLINE IN THEIR READING ABILITY. THIS “SUMMER SLIDE” CAN BE AVOIDED BY ENSURING THAT CHILDREN READ EVERY DAY, AND ARE ENGAGED AND EXCITED BY WHATEVER THEY CHOOSE TO READ.

STUDIES SHOW THAT MOST STUDENTS EXPERIENCE A LOSS OF READING SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS, BUT CHILDREN WHO CONTINUE TO READ ACTUALLY GAIN SKILLS! THE MORE ENGAGED THE READER IS WITH THE TEXT, THE MORE THEY WILL GAIN FROM IT. THE CLOSER THEY READ IT, THE MORE THEY COMPREHEND. ANYTHING THAT KEEPS YOUR CHILD READING WORKS!

CHILDREN ALSO NEED FREE TIME IN THE SUMMER TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF CHILDHOOD.

# 2021 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADERS



## INCOMING KINDERGARTNERS:

1. Read as much as possible!

## INCOMING 1ST-5TH GRADERS:

1. Read as much as possible!
2. Pick one of your favorite books that you read this summer.
3. On one of the first days of school you will engage in a small group book talk.

Be prepared to share:

- ~The title and author of your favorite summer book.
- ~Why you loved the book.
- ~Your favorite part.
- ~Why you would recommend this book to other readers.

*This book talk will not count as a grade; it is simply an authentic activity to get the class excited about reading!*





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!

## **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?

Use picture clues.

Get your mouth ready with the beginning sound of the word.

Chunk the parts of the words they know.

Sound it out.

Keep a Vocabulary Journal.

Illustrate the word. Define the word. Use the word.

## **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!
- 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.