

Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Choose books from the following list or share some of your favorites. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each day. Allow them to choose books that are of interest to them to encourage reading for pleasure.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than 5 words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

Read at least 3 of the following books this summer (in addition to lots of self-selected reading). Use the accompanied reading log to track your reading.

| Wayside School Is Falling Down | Louis Sachar |
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| Shredderman: Secret Identity | Wendelin Van Draanen |
| The Cricket in Times Square | George Selden |
| Ramona and Her Father | Beverly Cleary |
| Ramona Quimby, Age 8 | Beverly Cleary |
| Charlotte's Web | E. B. White |
| The Chocolate Touch | Patrick Skene Catling |
| The Year Mom Won the Pennant | Matt Christopher |
| Time Warp Trio: Marco? Polo! | Jon Scieszka |
| Stuart Little | E. B. White |
| Gooney Bird Greene | Lois Lowry |

Questioneers STEM Series (Any of the 40 books in the series) Andrea Beaty
Standing in the Need of Prayer Carole Boston Weatherford

