

TIPS FOR TEACHERS ABOUT SUMMER READING

Introduce your class to the local library and librarian.

Make sure children have library cards.

Before school is out for summer, ask your neighborhood librarian to sign up your class for the summer reading program.

Practice makes perfect! Tell parents how to prevent the “summer slide” by encouraging children to read during the summer to maintain or increase their reading scores.

Recommend fantastic reads that match you students’ interests.

Encourage children to select books that interest them and that are at their independent reading level.

Solicit parents to build reading and writing into every day activities.

Nurture a love for reading! During the last days of school, start reading aloud a couple of chapters from several books to entice children to locate the books and complete reading them during the summer.

Encourage children to send you a post card to tell you what they are reading during the summer.

At the end of the school year send a note to parents recommending that their children participate in a summer reading program and include a book list of your favorite titles.

Suggest that children who have participated in a summer reading program show you their certificate of achievement and the book bag they were awarded for reaching their reading goal.

Reward reading! When children come back to school in fall celebrate who participated in a summer reading program by:

- ✓ reading their names over the public address.
- ✓ giving them a small incentive like a bookmark, pencil or a paperback book.
- ✓ placing their names on a bulletin board honor roll.



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