IT’S SUMMERTIME....

LET’S HIT ONE OUT OF THE

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LITERACY AND LEARNING!!

Summer Activities for Literacy & Learning

Summertime is a time to slow down the pace, explore new places, and enjoy some summer fun! It’s a time to go to the playground, the pool, the shore, or the mountains...check out zoos, museums, and aquariums, and spend time relaxing with family and friends. In addition to these wonderful experiences, we ask that you take time to support your child’s on-going growth as a reader, writer, mathematician, scientist, thinker, and lifelong learner. In order to help you, this Literacy Link is devoted to summertime literacy and learning activities that you can share with your child.

THE PLAYBOOK

You will need this Literacy Link and the Grade Level Inserts inside.

◆ This Literacy Link lists a variety of books for you and your child to share this summer. The more time your child spends reading, or listening to you read, the better he or she will be at reading and understanding what he or she reads. We encourage you to read to your child and with your child as often as you can. Encourage your child read everyday during the summer, and watch them grow as readers.

◆ In addition to reading, children should practice math facts, study sight words, explore the world around them, and expand their thinking through a variety of learning activities. The Summer Learning Activity Insert included in this newsletter provides ideas and suggestions.

◆ Students entering grades 1 through 4, should use the Summer Literacy & Learning Log, located on the back page of this newsletter, to list the books you read and the additional learning activities you enjoyed throughout the summer.

Students entering grade 5 must read 2 books and complete 2 reading response activities.

◆◆ The specific requirements for students entering grade 5 are explained on an additional 5th grade insert found inside this Literacy Link.

In September, we celebrate all the reading, writing, thinking, and learning that happened during the summer at our annual Summer Literacy & Learning Celebration! Students who return their completed Summer Literacy & Learning Log or the required reading response documents for 5th grade will be recognized and honored at this celebration.

*Additional copies of the Summer Literacy & Learning Log and the Summer Learning Activity Insert can be found on the SSD website www.ssdcougars.org.*
**SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FUN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS**

- Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
- Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
- Duck, Duck, Dinosaur by Kallie George
- Meet Mr. & Mrs. Green by Keith Baker
- Gus Gets Scared by Frank Remkiewicz
- The Pirate Jamboree by Mark Teague
- The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
- The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
- Dogs and Cats by Steve Jenkins
- Duck Soup by Jackie Urbanovic
- Best Friends by Cork and Fuzz by Dori Chaconas
- Wild About Books by Judy Sierra & Marc Brown
- Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London & Frank Remkiewicz
- Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor
- Zen Shorts by Jon Muth
  - Bad Boys by Margie Palatini
  - Surf's Up by Kwame Alexander
  - A Splendid Friend Indeed by Suzanne Bloom
  - Skippy Jon Jones by Judith Schachner
  - A Story For Bear by Dennis Haseley
  - Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth by Alison McGhee

**SUPER SERIES FOR YOUNG READERS**

- Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- Minnie and Moo by Denys Cazet
- High Rise Private Eyes by Cynthia Rylant
- Pinky and Rex by James Howe
- Zelda and Ivy by Laura Kvasnosky
- Zach Files by Don Greenberg
- Magic Treehouse House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Marty McGuire by Kate Messner
- Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
- Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows
- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Stink by Megan McDonald
- Gus and Grandpa by Claudia Mills
- The Haunted Library by Dori H. Butler
- Rainbow Street Shelter by Wendy Orr
- Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist by Jim Benton
- Wild Willie Mysteries (series) by Barbara Joose
- Katie Kazoo Switcheroo by Nancy Krulik
- Iris and Walter by Elissa Guest
- Jigsaw Jones Mystery by James Preller
- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Young Cam Jansen by David Adler
- Ballpark Mysteries by David A. Kelly
- Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar
- Cam Jansen by David Adler
- Dragon Slayer's Academy by Kate McMullen
- Who Would Win? by Jerry Pallotta
- Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott
- Polk Street School by Patricia Reilly
- Iris and Walter by Elissa Guest
- Capital Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon
- Fairy Realm by Emily Rodda
- Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce
- Dork Diary by Rachel Renee Russell
AWESOME BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS

I Am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easly
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck
The Boy of a Thousand Faces by Brian Selznick
The Tail of Emily Windsap by Liz Kessler & Sara Gibb
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
Stowaway by Karen Hesse
George and the Big Bang by Stephen & Lucy Hawking
Gaby, Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes
The Her Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson
The Silver Coach by Carole Adler
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Shadow by Michael Morpurgo
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Terrific by Jon Agee
Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
Baseball in April by Gary Soto
Kit’s Wilderness by David Almond
The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmounds
No Talking by Andrew Clements
The Sword in the Tree by Clyde Robert Bulla
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart
The Lost Track of Time by Paige Britt & Lee White
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Lost on a Mountain in Maine by Donn Fendler
A Strong Right Arm by Michelle Y. Green

GREAT SERIES FOR OLDER READERS

Ghosthunters by Cornelia Funke
The Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan
Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Amelia by Marissa Moss
The Last Dragon Chronicles by Chris d'Lacey
39 Clues by R. Riordan
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Andrew Lost by J.C. Greenburg
The Kane Chronicles by R. Riordan
Owen Foote by Stephanie Greene
The Virginia Mysteries by Steven K. Smith
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Mostly Ghostly by R.L. Stine
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

AMAZING AUTHORS WITH TOO MANY GREAT BOOKS TO NAME

Avi—The Fighting Ground, Poppy, Night Journeys, Something Upstairs, The Secret School
Katherine Patterson—Bridge to Terabithia, Flip-Flop Girl, Park’s Quest, Great Gilly Hopkins
Rick Riordan—The Lightening Thief, The Red Pyramid, The Sword of Summer, The Lost Hero
Patricia Riley Giff—Lily’s Crossing, Pictures of Hollis Woods, Gingersnap, Genevieve’s War
Gary Paulson—Hatchet, Dogsong, Brian’s Winter, Woods Runner, The River, Lawn Boy
Kate DiCamillo—Because of Winn Dixie, Tale of Despereaux, Tiger Rising
Louis Sachar—Holes, Small Steps, Fuzzy Mud, Wayside School Series
Lois Lowry—The Giver, Gossamer, Gathering Blue, Bless This Mouse
Laurence Yep—City of Fire, Dragon War, Star Fisher, The Magic Paintbrush
Beverly Cleary—Ramona, Strider, The Mouse and the Motorcycle
Roald Dahl—Matilda, The Witches, The Twits, The BFG, Boy, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach,
J. K. Rowling, Jacqueline Woodson, Dav Pinkey, Madeleine L’Engle...
Springfield Elementary Schools’ Summer Literacy & Learning Log

Grades 1-4—To participate and be recognized in the Summer Literacy & Learning Celebration in September, you need to complete this Summer Literacy & Learning Log. On the lines below, write the titles of three to five books you read and three to five learning activities you completed over the summer. Have your parents initial your entries and give this page to your teacher.

Books I read this summer: write the title and author on the lines below.

1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________________

Learning Activities I did this summer: list the Learning Activities on the lines below.

1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________________

Grades 1-4—this sheet must be completed and submitted to your 2019 classroom teacher by Friday, September 13, 2019. Grades 1-4—only this sheet needs to be returned.

HAVE A BALL READING AND LEARNING THIS SUMMER!!!