



Jefferson Township



# summer reading

Grades K to 3



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Summer is an important time for students to keep reading. Reading with your child and helping them along the way, can build a love and enjoyment of reading for all! Over this summer break, spend some time with your child by diving into a few good books! Children who do not read regularly over the summer may experience what educators call the “summer slide”- a decline in their reading ability. Avoid the “Summer Slide” by encouraging your child to read everyday.

**1**

Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read gain skills!

**2**

The more engaged the reader is with the text, the more they will gain from it. Pick books with characters and topics that your child is interested in.

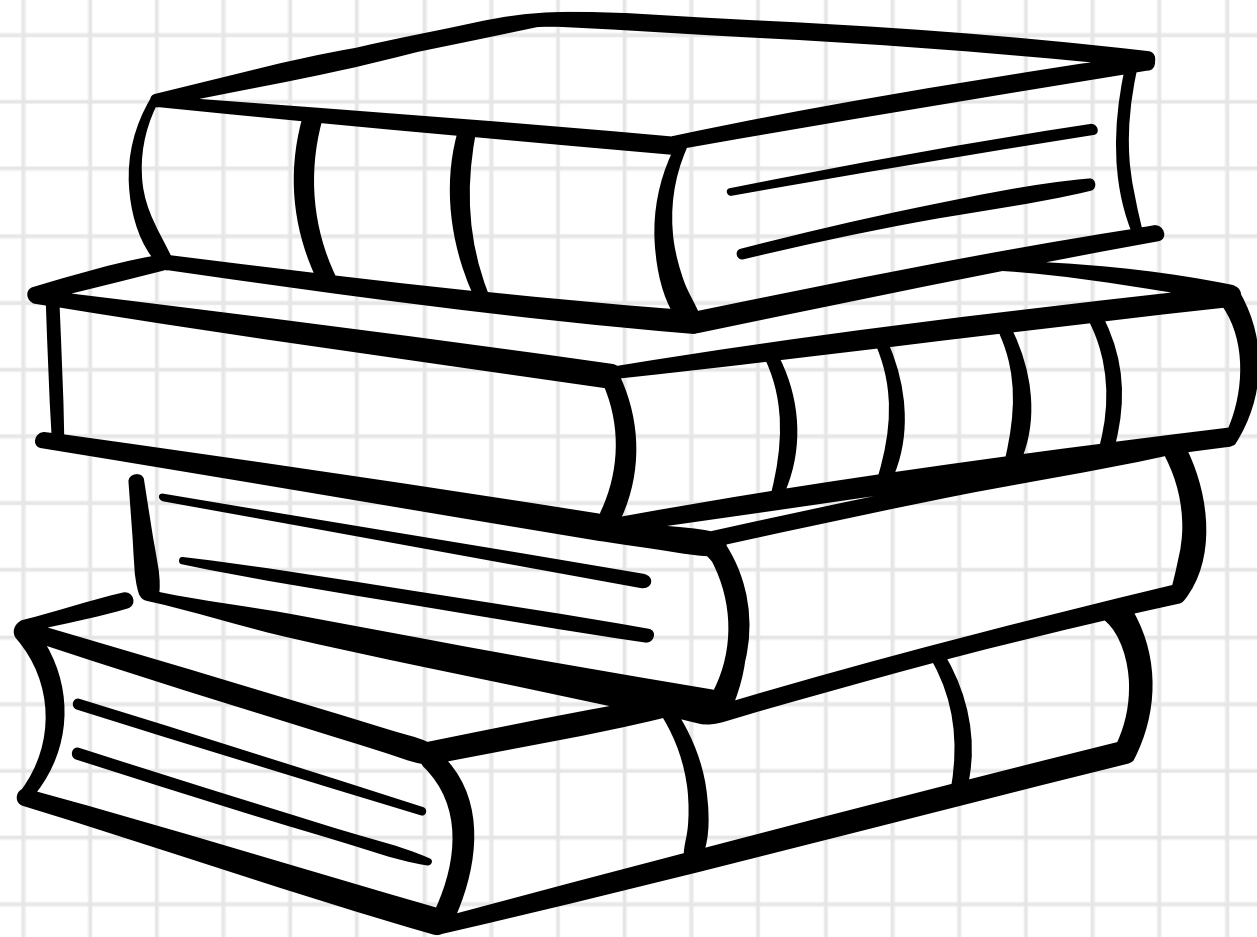
**3**

The closer a child reads a book, the more they will comprehend it. Anything that keeps your child reading this summer will work!

**4**

Remember, there are only 18 summers to relax and enjoy childhood. Make them count!

# 2025 Reading Assignment for Incoming Kindergarten to 3rd Grade students



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

Read as much as possible!

At the end of the summer, pick one of your favorite books you read.

On one of the first days of school, be ready to tell your teacher and classmates about the book!

Be prepared to share:

- The title and author of the book.
- Why you loved the book.
- Your favorite part.
- Why others should read it!

# Reading Tips

## choice

Let your child read what they would like to read. Try not to question a popular fiction series or character series choice.

## habits

Read the same book that your child is reading so you can talk about it. This will develop their habits of mind and build their capacity for thought and insight.

## listen

Purchase or rent a few audio books. This is great for the struggling learner. Turn it on in the car or turn off the TV for a few minutes and listen as a family.

## library

Take a trip to the library often! Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

## connected

Enroll and connect your child to several online reading websites and apps such as Storyline Online, Epic, Oxford Owl and Starfall.

## pen pal

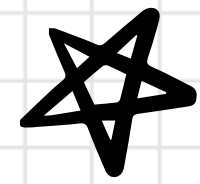
Ease separation from a special school friend by encouraging Pen Pals! Use postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If email is an option? Use it!

## trips

Point out traffic and store signs, billboards, and road notices to encourage sounds of letters, beginning of words or reading.

## scrapbook

Keep a summer scrapbook of family memories with ticket stubs, photos or postcards. Write a caption for each of them then read it together!

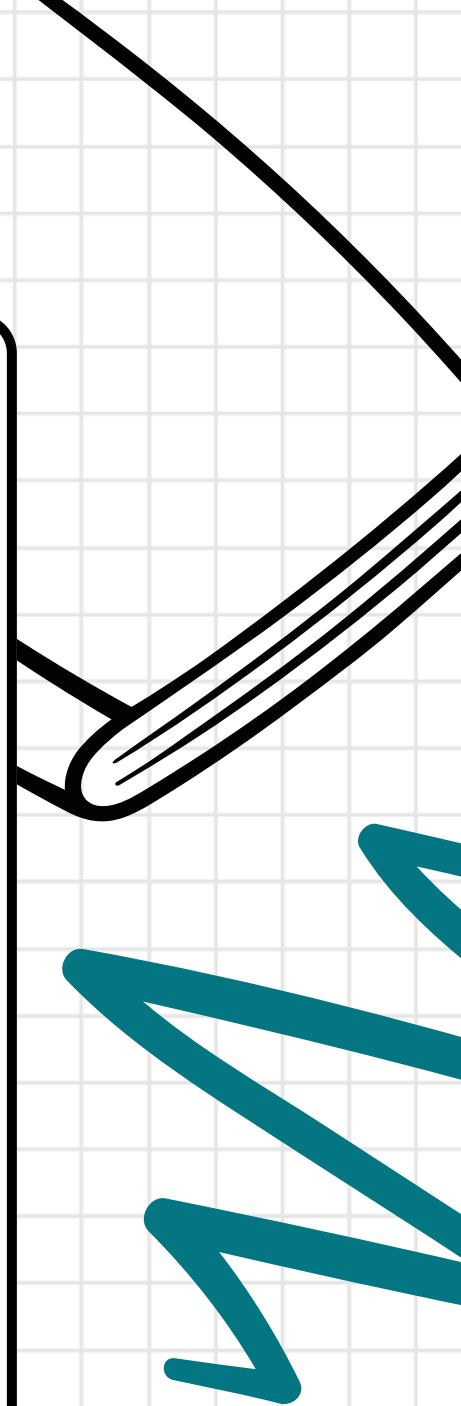
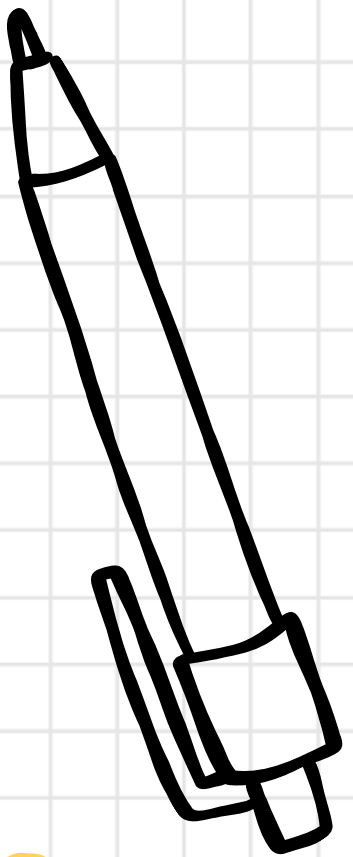


# Make Reading FUN!


Reading aloud is the most important thing you can do to help your child be a successful reader! Read to your child. Children who read succeed! Make summer a time to invite your child into the world of books!

- 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 them 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.
- 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 great students!







# happy reading

Have a Wonderful Summer!