

Dear Parents of incoming First Graders,

Instead of providing a book list for you, I am providing you with the following links to recommended reading lists at Carnegie Library and a few other sites.

1. <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research/parentseducators/booklists.html>

This page has an overview of all the book lists, as well as topics for parents that you may want to explore.

2. http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research/parentseducators/showbooklist.cfm?list=kinder_gartenfirst

This link is for books that are specific for kindergarten/first grade.

3. <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/books/showbooklist.cfm?list=firstsecond>

This is a link for first and second grade recommended reading.

4. <http://www.homesteadlibrary.org/index.html>

Check out Homestead Library's summer reading program. What a great way to get your child involved with summer reading and have fun with other children.

5. <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/index.jsp>

The Scholastic website is a great place for information on reading. Type "summer reading recommendations" in the search bar to get some suggested summer reading titles. Explore the articles in the parent section for up-to-date information on learning to read.

6. http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/Childrens-Summer-Reading-Books/379001459/?r=1&utm_source=google&cids2Pid=31584&linkid=1604913&utm_campaign=Books%20-%20Top%20Category%20-%20Phrase&utm_medium=cpc&cm_mmc=Google-_-Books%20-%20Top%20Category%20-%20Phrase-_-Kids%20Summer%20Reading-_-summer%20reading%20list&cm_mmca1=43c3e234-f0ec-7ac8-3b37-00003257b7cc&utm_term=summer+reading+list

And finally, a link to Barnes and Noble. If you take a look at beginning readers, picture books, classics and award winners, and favorite chapter books, this will give you an idea of where to start with summer reading.

Remember, these are just recommended reading titles. Your child can read any book, even ones not mentioned on these lists, just so long as they're reading! **I recommend reading at least 12 books over the summer** and completing a reading log for each book.

The next section contains links to two different types of reading logs, depending on the level your child is working at. You might consider using the easier one for the first part of the summer and then moving to the harder one towards the end of summer.

1. <http://www.busyteacherscafe.com>

Click on the printables section, and then click on reading. There are several different book reports you can use here. Number 5 is the easiest. If your child is reading a chapter

book, there's also a report form for chapter books you can use. If you prefer to keep a simple reading log, go to the section marked "Other." I like Reading Log 2 because it asks the children to rate their reading selection. Take the time to explore this site. There are a lot of great ideas on this site.

2. http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/template_HomeReadingLog-download.pdf

If you are using a Mac computer that won't open the PDF, use this link instead.

http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/ Scroll towards the bottom of the page to the language arts section, and click on "home reading log." This is a more opened-ended form. I like it because it's short, but your child will have to write a sentence or two about the story. If they are not writing sentences, they can also draw a picture to show their favorite part of the story.

Simply open the links and print out the reading log you want to use.

The following are some game sites you might visit with your child over the summer.

www.primarygames.com - lots of language arts and math games here, as well as other content area games.

<http://www.learningplanet.com/sam/sm/index.asp> - great game for practicing automaticity of math facts, both addition and subtraction. This was a favorite site of first grade this past year.

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/> - Again, many math, language arts, and core curriculum games that will keep your child engaged. Be sure to check out addition pinball. I had fun playing it!

http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_1st.htm - Contains links to many other sites in content areas. Some links may not work, but still worth exploring if you're looking for a specific skill.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, and I'm looking forward to meeting you at the end of August. Remember to work a little bit and play a lot over the summer. Soon enough, we'll be back into the hectic routines of the school year.

Mrs. Boatright

