

Grove Elementary

Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Grove Families,

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading! Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment. Summer reading is very important in developing life-long reading habits, in maintaining literacy skills and in promoting reading for pleasure. Studies have repeatedly shown that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the fall.

The Partners of Public Education have generously donated money to ensure the students at Grove can continue to read throughout the summer.

Attached you will find the *Grove Summer Reading Challenge*! Please bring back this reading log completed in August. All students who return a completed reading log will be rewarded with a surprise! This summer reading log will be posted on the school website and copies will be in the front office if you happen to misplace the reading log over the long summer vacation.

Tips for Summer Reading:

- Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sports bags.
- Get your child his own library card. Take or allow him to go to the library often and browse for books and enjoy special activities.

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- Help your child select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level. A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- Connect reading with other summer activities. For example, read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing.
- Set goals and reward reading. Reward reading with more reading. Let your kids see you read.
- You may want to use different voices for different characters when you read to your child.
- Read it, then do it. Does your child want to learn magic tricks? Juggling? Computer games? There's sure to be a book that can help him. Have your child read the instructions and then give it a try.
- Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.

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