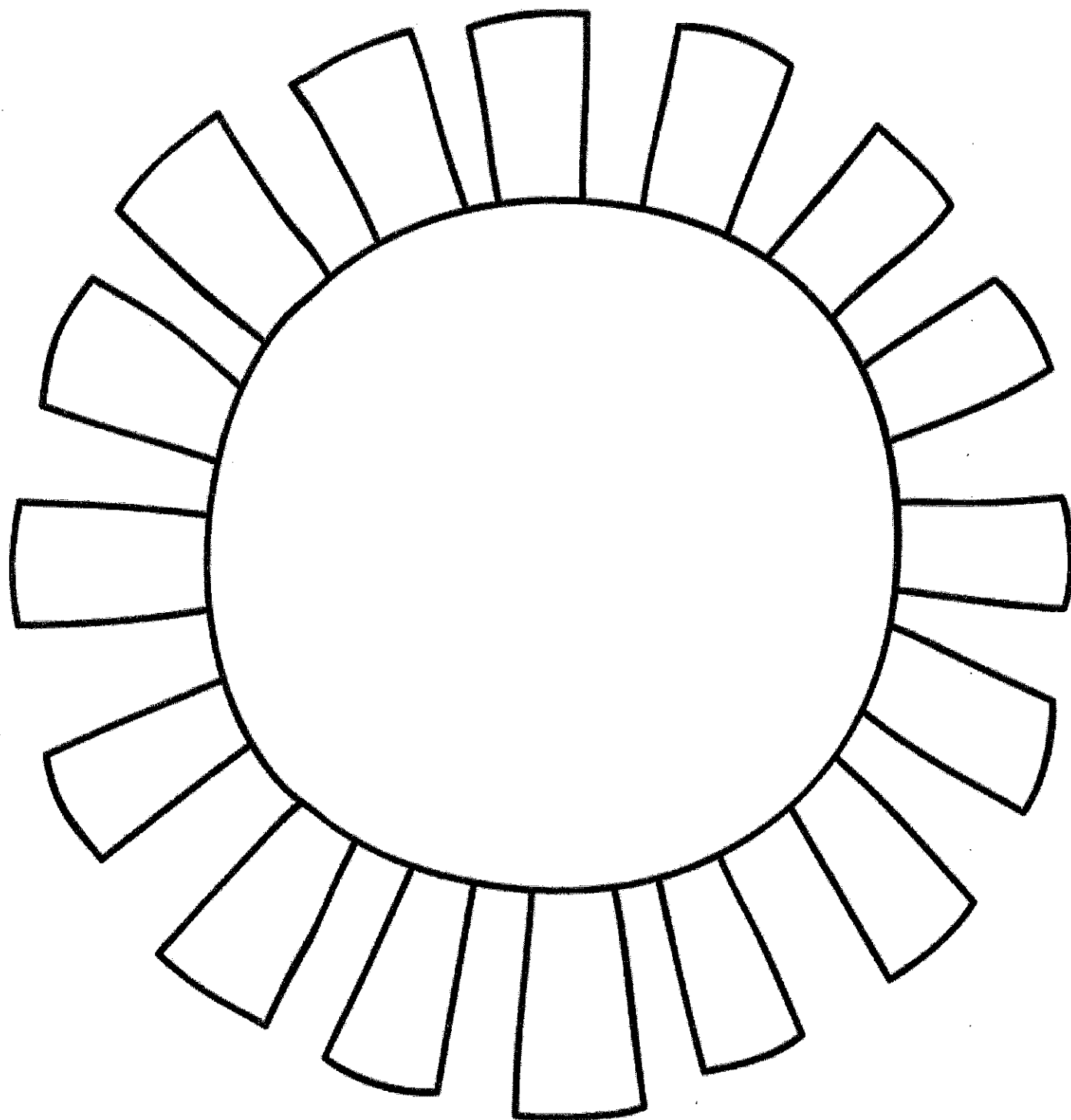


# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



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# BENEFITS OF SUMMER READING

Summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and exploration. But did you know that summer reading can also have a significant impact on students' academic success? Check out the list below for some of the benefits of summer reading for students and why it's crucial to encourage your upper elementary and middle school students to read during their summer break.

## 1: Improves Comprehension Skills

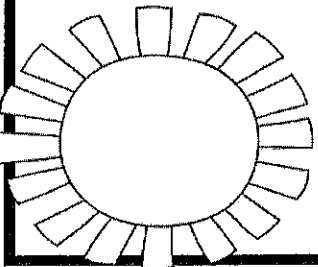
Reading during the summer months helps students maintain and improve their reading comprehension skills. Students who read over the summer are less likely to experience the "summer slide," a phenomenon where students can lose up to three months of reading progress during the summer months.

## 2: Increases Vocabulary

Summer reading can also help students increase their vocabulary. When students read books outside of their comfort zone, they encounter new words and concepts that can expand their vocabulary and improve their communication skills.

## 3: Enhances Critical Thinking Skills

Summer reading can also enhance students' critical thinking skills. When students read, they are exposed to new ideas and perspectives, which can help them develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to analyze and evaluate information.



## 4: Boosts Academic Performance

Summer reading has been linked to improved academic performance. Students who read over the summer are more likely to perform better on reading comprehension tests and standardized tests in general.

## 5: Sparks Creativity and Imagination

Reading can also spark creativity and imagination in students. When students read, they are transported to new worlds and exposed to new ideas, which can inspire them to think creatively and imagine new possibilities.

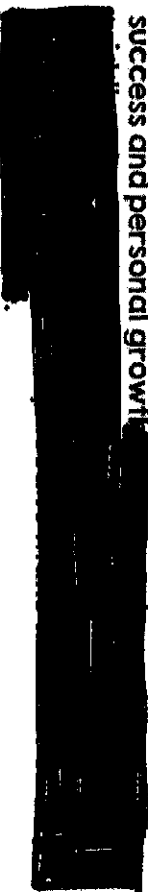
## 6: Reduces Stress

Reading can also be a great way for students to reduce stress. Summer can be a stressful time for students, with many transitioning to new schools or facing new academic challenges. Reading can be a calming and enjoyable way for students to unwind and relax.

## 7: Encourages Lifelong Learning

When students read over the summer, they develop a love of reading that can stay with them throughout their lives. This love of reading can lead to a lifelong habit of learning and exploring new ideas.

Summer reading for students is a valuable and rewarding activity that can have a significant impact on their academic success and personal growth.



**Use the table below to help you keep track of the books you have read this summer.**

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# Grade K5, 1, and 2nd

NAME:	DATE:
TITLE:	
AUTHOR:	
WHAT WAS THE BOOK ABOUT?	
DID YOU ENJOY THE BOOK? WHY? :	
SHOULD OTHER PEOPLE READ THIS BOOK? :	



complete once

# Grades 3, 4, and 5th

## SUMMER READING WRITING PROMPTS

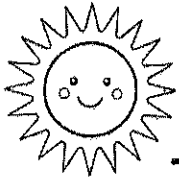
What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
What was your least favorite part of the book? Why?
Did you find the characters in the story to be believable? Explain.
Create a new title and cover for the book.
If this book were made into a movie, who would the actors be? Why?
Do you think the main character would make a good friend? Explain your thinking.
What part of the story did you find most exciting? Why?
Draw and describe the setting of the story.
Why do you think the author chose to write this story?
Which character is most like you? Explain.
Make a text to text connection to the story.
Make a text to self connection to the story.
Make a text to world connection to the story.
Would this story still make sense if it were set in a different time period? Explain.
Write a new ending to the story.
Would you recommend this book to a friend or classmate? Why or why not?

complete one per week



**Wait, there's more!**

Here are a few of the summer reading programs in the Upstate that offer prizes for being a bookworm.



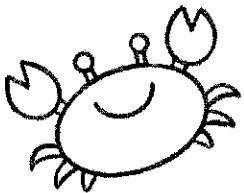
## **The Greenville County Library System**

2025 Summer Reading Program registration opened on May 14th. The reading challenge begins on May 29th, 2025. To participate, you register your young readers online. Then, print out or pick up a summer reading log from your library. Kids complete the challenge anytime between May 29th and July 26th and pick up prizes at the library. Some of the prizes this year are: ticket to a DRIVE baseball game, holographic sticker, reading medal, one free pastry from Swamp Rabbit Café & Grocery, and a Habit Burger & Grill coupon.



## **Pizza Hut**

Pizza Hut's Book It! program is back for 2025! This program is for kids in PreK – 6th grade. Your kids can enroll now for the summer reading program called Camp BOOK IT! By logging the reading they complete in June, July, and August, kids earn a free one-topping personal pan pizza.



## **Barnes & Noble**

For kids in grades 1-6, this program asks kids to keep a log of at least 8 books and describe their favorite part of each book. Kids fill in their reading journal, bring it to the store between July 1 and August 31, 2025, and they can choose a book from a curated list of titles.

## **Chuck E Cheese**

We saved the best for last, read 14 books or for 14 days and get 10 free tokens via their Chuck E. Cheese Rewards program. Bonus: Their rewards program is not limited to summer!

