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Summer Reading Tips for Families

Experts agree: Children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often experience learning losses.

Combine activities with books.

Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities such as going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity or on the way to the activity?

Visit the library.

If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many have summer reading programs.

Lead by example.

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

Talk it up.

Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you -- soon they might start doing the same.

Help kids find time to read.

Summer camp, music lessons, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. When planning summer activities with children, remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading. Some convenient times may be before bedtime or over breakfast.

Relax the rules for summer.

During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

Have plenty of reading material around.

Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

Use books to break the boredom.

Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids' favorite reading series along on long road trips.

Read aloud with kids.

The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children no matter what their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

Source: <http://www.rif.org>



Have a SAFE and FUN summer - We look forward to seeing you next school year!



Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords, and blocking and/or filtering devices. Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.

Don't forget that lunch accounts operate on a cash only basis for the rest of the school year!

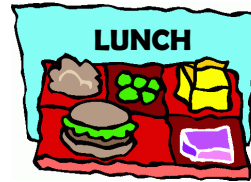


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Keep Clipping those Box Tops!



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Save the Date!

- 2010 - 2011 School Registration: Tuesday, August 3rd
- First Day of 2010 - 2011 School Year: Monday, August 9th



Our Mission at Macon-Hall Is . . .

To create a safe, nurturing environment where the diversity of all students is valued equally in a community of high expectations.

We strive to ensure that our students meet or exceed all NCL benchmarks, become creative problem solvers, and demonstrate effective citizenship and social skills.