



Timber Tales

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Thank You!!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who volunteered their time, money and effort during the school year! Your contributions are sincerely appreciated – your support of Macon-Hall, its faculty and its staff helps to create a wonderful setting for educating our children!

*** INTERNET SAFETY ***

Taking an active role in your kids' Internet activities will help ensure that they benefit from the wealth of valuable information it offers without being exposed to any potential dangers.

WE EXCEEDED OUR BOX TOPS GOAL!



Thank you to everyone who participated in Box Tops this year - we have exceeded our goal!! Have a safe and happy summer and please keep clipping and saving Box Tops for the next school year. Visit www.boxtops4education.com to find coupons for your favorite Box Tops items and to find out how you can earn Box Tops for our school when you shop in stores and on-line!



- May 26th – Last Day of School
- August 2nd – Registration for 2011/2012 School Year
- August 8th – First day of 2011/2012 School Year

Visit <http://www.scsk12.org/SCS/Calendars/Family-Friendly-Cal-11-12.pdf> for a complete 2011/2012 school year calendar!

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.



Summer Reading Tips for Parents

Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer parents can help children sustain (and even bolster) reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

Children need free time, away from structured academic learning, so summer reading should be fun. The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for your children:

Read aloud together with your child every day. Make it fun by reading outdoors - on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, be sure to practice letter-sound correspondence, do lots of rhyming and clapping out syllables, and explore the relationships between oral language and print.

Set a good example! Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time (including mom and dad).

Let kids choose what they want to read, and every so often, read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

As you go through the day - cooking, gardening, grocery shopping, playing games - utilize this time as an opportunity to engage in verbal word play, vocabulary building, recognizing new and familiar words or attaching meaning to words and sentences.

Take your children to the library regularly. Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for pre-school and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World. Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines as a way of keeping up the reading habit over the summer and enhancing a growing vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

Trips can be a fun way to encourage reading. Ask your children to read traffic signs and billboards aloud. Show them how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

This article is a partial excerpt from "Summer Reading Tips for Families." The entire article can be found at http://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref_Summer_Reading_Tips/.

"THERE ARE MANY LITTLE WAYS TO ENLARGE YOUR CHILD'S WORLD. LOVE OF BOOKS IS THE BEST OF ALL."
- JACQUELINE KENNEDY