

READING CORNER



Dear Parents,

Tip of the Month: READ, READ, READ!!!!!!!!!!

It's that time of year again and school is beginning to wind down. Both parents and teachers have worked very hard throughout the year to improve students' reading skills. With summer approaching and the weather becoming nicer, it is hard to remember sometimes to keep reading. Your children have made great gains and they NEED to keep reading this summer so they don't take a step backwards. Listed below are several activities that you can try with your children this summer to encourage reading and help keep them on the right path☺

Summer Literacy Activities:

1. **Try to incorporate reading and writing into everyday activities.** Try watching t.v. with the closed captioning on. Make your children read the directions to games that you play aloud. Have your kids help write the grocery list or read aloud the directions for a recipe when cooking!
2. **Encourage writing through blogging!** Parents, try arranging for a safe, closed community so that your children can blog over the summer. Students will need an email address in order to create an account. Try checking out SparkTop for blogging and other writing activities.
3. **Visit the North Olmsted Public Library.** They have a summer reading program with lots of incentives for kids who participate. The North Olmsted librarians will be visiting the schools before the end of the year to discuss this program with the kids. You will receive information about this program as well!!! Try getting your children involved with story time☺
4. **Sign-up for a free summer reading incentive program.** The Borders Double-Dog Dare program gives away a free book if you child reads 10 books. The Barnes and Noble Passport to Reading program also includes a free book incentive plus free resources for parents. The Scholastic Summer Challenge has a Read for the World Record Challenge on their website.
5. **Try starting a neighborhood book club with your kids.** This is a great way to keep your kids reading and discussing books on a social level. If they get to meet with their friends, they will want to read the book! Try some out of the ordinary meeting places like a tent, the park, or by the lake! PBS has a great collection of tips on how to start book clubs and suggestions for books.

Thanks for a fantastic year and keep up the READING this summer! See you next year☺

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