

Medway Public Schools  
**Summer Reading Program**



Students Entering  
**GRADE 3**

The Summer Reading Program of Medway Public Schools is designed to foster a continued joy of reading throughout the summer months. The more children read the better and more confident they become. This summer we encourage students to explore different literary genres including nonfiction, poetry and other written material.

Here are some ways that adults can help:

- Read to or with your child.
- Allow older siblings to read to younger siblings.
- Show your child you value reading and let them see you reading.
- Find books that match your child's interest.
- Read books and materials of different genre - try poetry, magazines, newspapers, non-fiction, even books on tape.
- Visit the local library for summer activities and books galore!
- Create a special shelf of books for your child and pack some favorites in your suitcase when you travel.

"Every time we read to a child, we're sending a 'pleasure' message to the child's brain. You could call it a commercial, conditioning the child to associate books and print with pleasure." Jim Trelease

\* Recommended authors for advanced readers.

Summer Reading Expectations: During the summer, it is suggested that children enjoy reading for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week. A read aloud can count!

*Below are suggested authors for students entering grade 3.*

**Fiction Authors:**

Judy Blume	Beverly Cleary	Dan Gutman*
Marcia T. Jones	Paula Danzinger	Suzy Kline
Roald Dahl*	Mary Pope Osborne	Debbie Dadey
Sara Pennypacker	Anne Mazer	Ron Roy
Jim Benton	Lucinda Landon	Megan McDonald
Nancy Krulik	Jane Yolen	David Adler
Geronimo Stilton	James Preller	Matt Christopher
E.B. White *	Joanna Cole	Lynne Reid Banks *

**Non-Fiction Authors:**

Jerry Palotta	Gail Gibbons	David Adler
Seymour Simon*	Jim Arnosky	

**Poetry:**

Jack Prelutsky  
Shel Silverstein  
Kenn Nesbitt  
Bruce Lansky

**Classic Titles:**

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume  
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl  
Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan  
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary  
Ramona Quimby, Age Eight by Beverly Cleary  
Much Ado About Aldo by Johanna Hurwitz  
Encyclopedia Brown books by Donald Sobol



**Other reading ideas:**

*National Geographic Kids* (magazine)  
*Ranger Rick* (magazine)

## Summer Reading Incentive Programs

This summer we hope all children and families take the time to enjoy the joys of summer reading. Here are a few ideas for summer reading incentive programs:

**Barnes and Noble:** Children read 8 books and get one free book. Go to: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp> for all the details

**Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge:** Help break the world record for the number of minutes read in a summer. To be part of the fun log on at: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

### **The Massachusetts Teachers Association's Red Sox**

**Summer Reading Game:** Children read 9 books and can enter to win free Red Sox tickets. Go to: <http://www.readingmatters.org>

## Go Green at the Medway Public Library this summer!

Come to the Medway Town Library to sign up and pick up a reading log. Choose books you would like to read, track progress toward your goals online, and have a chance to win Boston Bruin prizes! There is also a program just for teens called "tnk grEn". The "Go Green at Your Library" statewide summer reading program is sponsored by local libraries, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Boston Bruins, with funding from the Institute of Museums and Library Services.