

Medway Public Schools  
**Summer Reading Program**



Students Entering  
Preschool and Kindergarten

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

Summer Reading Expectations: During the summer, it is suggested that children enjoy reading and read alouds for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week.

*Below are suggested authors for students entering Preschool and Kindergarten.*

Fiction Authors:

Eric Carle	Jane O'Connor	Mo Willems
Dr. Seuss	Jan Brett	Donald Crews
Lois Ehlert	Robert McClosky	Helen Lester
Mem Fox	Ezra Jack Keats	Laura Numeroff
Leo Lionni	Norman Bridwell	David Shannon
Karma Wilson	Frank Asch	Margaret Brown

Classic Titles:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Corduroy by Don Freeman

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by

Judith Viorst

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Alfie Gives a Hand by Shirley Hughes

Other reading ideas:

I Spy books

Your Big Backyard (magazine)

Ladybug (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 some 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>

## **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.