

Medway Public Schools
Summer Reading Program



Students Entering
GRADE 2

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 would like to encourage our students to explore different literary genres including nonfiction, poetry, and other written material. When your child returns to school in the fall, have him/her be prepared to answer the question: What was my favorite summer book?

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
- Use your child's Think Central Account to access grade appropriate materials that are familiar to your child (see back for directions)
- Visit the local Library for summer activities and books galore!
- Create a special shelf for 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 expected that children enjoy reading for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week. Read Alouds can count!

Below is a list of some of the favorite books / authors from the teachers at McGovern:

Grade level readers:

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| Tomie dePaola | Cynthia Rylant (Henry & Mudge) |
| Arnold Lobel (Frog & Toad) | Eric Carle |
| Ezra Jack Keats | Norman Bridwell |
| Rosemary Wells | Russell Hoban |
| Else Holmelund Minarik | Robert Munsch |

Challenge Readers:

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| Barbara Park | Abby Klein |
| Patricia Polacco | Gertrude Warner |
| Peggy Parrish (Amelia Bedelia series) | |

Non-Fiction Authors:

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| Jerry Palotta | Gail Gibbons |
| Seymour Simon | Jim Arnosky |

Famous Read Alouds:

Red Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley
Kitten's Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary
Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Other reading ideas:

Big Back Yard (magazine)
Dinosaur Babies by Kathleen Zoehfeld
National Geographic for Kids



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://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=608>

Head over to the Medway Public Library this summer!

Come to the Medway Town Library and discover all they have to offer. This summer, the library will once again sponsor a summer time reading program. For more information, go to their website: <http://medwaylib.org/> or simply stop in. The library hours are: Monday-Thursday (2-8), Friday & Saturday (10-2)

Think Central Account

We are excited to have Story Town reading materials available to you at home for fun and for additional reading practice. Below you will find directions for accessing this reading material.

To access Storytown online follow these directions:

- Go to <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>

To Login enter the information as shown in the picture below:

To Login enter as shown in the picture above:

- State: Massachusetts
- Select a District: Medway School District
- Select a School: John McGovern Elem School
- Check the box for: Remember my organization
- Enter your child's user name and password as shown below:(case sensitive)

Username: _____

Password: password

Then Click **Login**

On the next screen:

Click on the words "My Library"

At the next screen you will be able to click on any resource that appears On **StoryTown Student ebook**

