



Dillon Christian School

Summer Reading Suggestions



Cultivating a reading habit is sensational for student learning and development. The summer months are perfect for encouraging and cultivating your child's love of reading. Exploring the unknown is not only educational and enjoyable, but also offers many health benefits. Your child's teachers help generate a list of books and stories to engage and foster interest for their summer reading pleasure.

Educational activities during the summer months can create a bridge across learning gaps and help maintain scholastic skills until the new school year starts in August. Feel free to create a family fun time with your child. Choose a book to read together, take turns reading the pages or chapters. Ask engaging questions about the story; such as "Who is your favorite character and why?" or "What do you think will happen next?" These types of questions foster critical thinking skills. If there is a food or snack mentioned in the storyline, make it together and then enjoy it as a family. If there is a movie based on the book, make some popcorn and watch it together when you read the last page of the book.

In teens, reading can increase comprehension and memory skills, grow their vocabulary (great for ACT and SAT preparation), improve focus and concentration, enhance their spelling skills, and boost their self-esteem; while also giving them a break from social media, television and Internet scrolling.

Be a role model this summer, encourage family reading time each day. Maybe even choose a book of the Bible and read it as a family devotion. You could visit your local library and check out a library book about a missionary to teach your child about the command God gives us in Acts 1:8 "...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Foster a love of reading by encouraging all topics and genres; it is one of the greatest skills you can help your child build, it will last a lifetime!

Reading Suggestions from our teachers:

ELEMENTARY READING

Rising K4, Rising K5 Class and Rising 1st Grade:

Are You My Mother? - Eastman, P.D.
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? - Martin, Bill Jr.
Chicka, Chicka Boom - Martin, Bill Jr.
Do You Want to be My Friend? - Carle, Eric
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie - Numeroff, Laura
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Carle, Eric
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day - Viorst, Judith
Corduroy - Freeman, Don
Miss Nelson Is Missing - Allard, Harry
Chicken Little - Kellog, Steven
Ira Sleeps Over - Waber, Bernard
Berenstain Bears Books - Berenstain, Stan, Jan and Mike

Rising 2nd & 3rd Grade:

Arthur Chapter Book Series - Brown, Marc
Aly Cat Series - Leroe, Ellen
The Cul-de-Sac Kids Series - Lewis, Beverly
Frog and Toad Series - Lobel, Arnold
Betsy -Tacy Series - Loveless, Maude
Magic Tree House Series - Osborne, Mary Pope
Amelia Bedelia Series - Parish, Peggy
Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series - Preller, James
Henry and Mudge Series - Rylant, Cynthia
Nate the Great Series - Sharmat, Marjorie
Little House Chapter books - Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Life According to Og the Frog Series - Birney, Betty G.
Mac Undercover (Mac B. Kid Spy Series) - Barnett, Mac
I Survived Series - Tarshis, Lauren
Ranger in Time Series - Messner, Kate
The Boxcar Children Series - Warner, Gertrude Chandler

Rising 4th Grade:

Dear Mr. Henshaw - Cleary, Beverly
The Hundred Penny Box - Mathis, Sharon Bell
One Crazy Summer - Williams-Garcia, Rita
Sarah, Plain and Tall - MacLachlan, Patricia
The Great Fire - Murphy, Jim

Rising 5th Grade:

Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition) - Shetterly, Marot Lee
The Sign of the Beaver - Speare, Elizabeth George
The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe - Lewis, C.S.
Bud, Not Buddy - Curtis, Christopher Paul
The Hundred Dresses - Estes, Eleanor

MIDDLE SCHOOL READING***Rising 6th Grade:***

Where the Red Fern Grows - Rawls, Wilson
Anne of Green Gables - Montgomery, Lucy Maud

Rising 7th Grade:

The Call of the Wild - London, Jack
Hoot - Hiasen, Carl

Rising 8th Grade:

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ Wallace, Lew (unabridged version)
The Bronze Bow - Speare, Elizabeth George

HIGH SCHOOL READING***Rising 9th Grade:***

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - Boyne, John
To Kill a Mockingbird - Lee, Harper

Rising 10th Grade:

Great Expectations - Dickens, Charles
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Doyle, Sir Arthus Conan

Rising 11th Grade:

The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald, F. Scott
The Last of the Mohicans - Cooper, James Fenimore

Rising 12th Grade:

The Last Lecture - Pausch, Randy
A Tale of Two Cities - Dickens, Charles