

Grades K - 2

Summer 2023 Literacy Activities



Summer is a great time to take a break, relax and recharge for the next school year. However, we still want our students to enjoy reading and practice reading skills. One wonderful, exciting way to relax and continue to learn is to get lost in a book. This summer, play the Summer Reading Game. Choose your board and get started. Mark off each square as you complete the task. Also, take the Reading Passport to the library to get it stamped by the librarian. There are also a few surprises on the boards, so have fun. (Hint: Hit control -click to follow the links) Turn in your completed board to your teacher by September 8, 2023. Do not forget to put your name on your board. (Digital copies may be found on the district website)

Some additional reading challenges.

[Scholastic](#)

[Read Camp](#)

[Camp Bookit](#)

[Reading is Fundamental Summer Reading Program](#)

[Students needing audiobooks may log into Learning Ally through Clever](#)

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!

SUMMER READING BINGO #1

Read a book that has won an award	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book that makes you laugh	Read a book that teaches you about an event in history	Read a book about a real person
Read a book with a flashlight	Read a book to someone younger than you	Visit Tennessee's Aquarium	Write your own book and read it to someone	Read a graphic novel
Find a recipe you like and read the directions and make it	Read a book that teaches you how to do something	Your choice!	Read a book that about an animal that scares you	Read a science experiment book
Read a biography of someone who interests you	Read a mystery book	Read a book about a musician	Join Scholastic Summer Reading Program	Read a book that was made into a movie
Visit Children's Museum of Houston	Read a book about a musician	Read a graphic novel	Read a book by your favorite author	Read a book about a boy in another country

Summer Reading Bingo Board #2

Read a book about a girl in another country	Head to the section marked 500 in the library. Select a book	Read with a flashlight	Read a book that is part of a series	Wolf Web Cam
Read a book that is only pictures. Write the words	Live Web Cam of animals	Read a book about a ghost	Write your own book and read it to someone	Read a book about technology
Read your book aloud to your mom or dad	Read a book by a female author	Your Choice	Read to a stuffed animal	Read a poem and perform it
Read a book about a historical event	Read a book with a dog in it	Visit LA Zoo	Read a book that was made into a movie	Read a graphic novel
Read a book set in the future	Maui Ocean Center	Read outside	Read a book by a Spanish author	Read a sports book

Summer Reading Bingo Board #3

Read a book that won an award the year you were born	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book on the top shelf in the library	Read a scary book	Amazon Future Engineers
Read a book by a male author	Read a book that teaches you about robots	Read a book in the 500-599 section of the library	Write your own book and read it to someone	Read 5 poems to someone
Read a newly published book	Read a book that teaches you about a farm or visit Farm Food	Your choice!	Read a book whose author's last name begins with the same letter as your last name	Read a trilogy
Read wearing sunglasses	Read a mystery	Read a book for 20 minutes	Read a book by a female author	Visit the California African American Museum

Read a book that teaches me about an animal	Read a book about a musical instrument	Read a graphic novel	Read a science fiction book	Read a book with ten chapters
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Suggested Reading for Grades K-2

Classics

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats

Wake up with Peter to a snow-covered day where adventure awaits. No book has captured the magic and sense of possibility of the first snowfall better than *The Snowy Day*. Ages 5, 6 & 7 DRA – 16

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats Illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter is well aware that there is a new baby in the house. His mother shushes him when he makes his tower of blocks fall. And he's well aware that the new baby's a girl. For everything that used to be, Peter's has been painted pink! Ages 3-8

Frog and Toad Are Friends by: Arnold Lobel This classic features the escapades of Frog and Toad, an adorable amphibious duo who are the best of friends. Grades K-2 DRA 18

Fiction/Series

Lucky Beans by Becky Birtha Like so many people during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Marshall Loman's dad has lost his job. There's little money, but there are plenty of beans-in fact, Ma cooks them for supper every single night! Beans start looking better when Marshall sees the contest posted in the furniture store window. HOW MANY BEANS ARE IN THE JAR? WIN THIS BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINE! Ma needs that sewing machine-but how can Lomans possibly guess right? DRA 34

The Lion's Share by Matthew McElligott When Ant receives a special invitation to dine with Lion, she is ready to be on her best behavior. During dessert, the other guests do not mind their manners, and by the time the dessert cake reaches Ant, barely a crumb is left for her to share with the King! Baking a cake seems like the perfect way to make it up to him . . . until the other guests turn her kind gesture into a contest. DRA 24

The Adventurer's Guide to a Successful Escape by Wade Albert White Part fantasy, part sci-fi, this book follows the adventures of 13-year-old Anne, her best friend Penelope, and their new questing partner Hiro as they solve riddles, fight mystical animals, and travel to strange lands. Grades 3-7

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney Follow Greg Heffley as he navigates middle school in this #1 New York Times bestselling series. Grades 3-7

Nate the Great Series by Lincoln Peirce From snowball ambushes to a record-setting detention streak, Big Nate goes big when it comes to scouts, sports and school. Grades 3-7

Kane Chronicles Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

The Heroes of Olympus Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

Nikki & Deja Series by **Karen English** Meet Nikki and Deja, who live next door to each other and are best friends. They do everything together—watch Saturday morning cartoons, play jacks, jump double Dutch at recess, and help each other with their homework for Mrs. Shelby's third-grade class. But when an arrogant new girl arrives and Nikki and Deja form a club that would exclude her, the results are not what they expect. Grades 1-3

Kid Caramel Series by **Mr. Dwayne Ferguson** Adventures of Kid Caramel, "Private Investigator" and his friend Earnest. Grades 2-6

When Sophie Gets Angry Series: *by Molly Bang Illustrated by Molly Bang*

In this Caldecott Honor-winning, head-on exploration of the causes of and solutions to anger, Sophie gets angry and runs out into the woods, where she climbs a tree to calm down, and is soon ready to come home to her loving family. Ages 4-6 DRA 18

The Stray Dog *by Marc Simont Illustrated by Marc Simont*

When a little dog appears at a family picnic, the girl and boy play with him all afternoon, and they name him Willy. At day's end, they say good-bye. But the dog has won their hearts and stays on their minds. Ages 5-7

Prudence Wants a Pet by **Cathleen Daly** Prudence wants a pet. Desperately. Will she ever find the perfect pet?

If You Give a Dog A Donut by **Laura Numeroff** If you give a dog a donut, he'll ask for some apple juice to go with it. When you give him the juice, he'll drink it all up. Then, before you can say "Woof" . . . Dog is off on a backyard adventure! Ages 4-8

The Story of Peppa Pig *by Scholastic* Introducing Peppa Pig! Peppa is a lovable (but slight bossy) little piggy who lives with Mummy pig, Daddy Pig, and her little brother, George. Ages 3-5

The Midnight Library by **Kazuno Kohana** When we are fast asleep in bed, the Midnight Library opens its doors to all the night-time animals Ages 3-5

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by **Grace Lin** Ling and Ting are two adorable identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings, getting their hair cut, or practicing magic tricks. However, looks are deceiving--people can be very different, even if they look the same. Ages 5-6

The Bad Seed by **Jory John** The story of a bad sunflower seed who decides it is time for a change. Pk-2

After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by **Dan Santat** Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears in a most extraordinary result. Ages 4-8

Freedom in the Congo Square by: **Carole Boston** Enslaved people are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday when they can gather in New Orleans Congo Square to dance. Ages 4-8

Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug by: **Evan Kuhlman** Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors. Ages 3-7

What Do You Do with a Problem by: **Kobi Yamada** A child's struggle with an unexpected problem until he realizes it really isn't a problem...it's an opportunity. Grade K-3

Me on the Map by **Joan Sweeney** In this playful introduction to maps and geography, step by simple step, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house... DRA 16

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? by **Jane Yolan** The dinosaurs are going to school. More fun dinosaur antics await. These prehistoric pupils are in a class of their own! DRA 16-18

Alphabet Adventures by **Audrey Woods** All the little letters from Charley's Alphabet have learned their proper order, from a to z. They're ready to go to school, but suddenly something is wrong! Little i has lost her dot, and none of the letters can find it. Can you? DRA 16

Chapter Books/ Series

Owl Diaries by **Rebecca Elliot** Early reader chapter books. Grades K-2

I Survived by **Lauren Tarshis** Each book in my series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale. Grades 2-5

A-Z Mysteries by **Ron Roy** The A to Z Mysteries Series features three sly sleuths: Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. Have fun getting to know them, and their dog, Pal! Grades 1-4

Judy Moody Series by **Megan McDonald** Judy Moody rules! Boys and girls everywhere are relating to Judy's many moods and laughing at her hilarious adventures. Grades 1-4

Junie b. Jones Series by **Barbara Parks** The series begins when Junie starts kindergarten, Grades 1-4

Nate the Great Series by **Marjorie Weinman Sharmot** Children detective stories. Grades 2-5 DRA K

Horrible Harry Series by **Suzy Kline** A 3rd grader named Harry, and his misadventures are told through the words of his best friend, Doug. Grades K-3 DRA L

Dog Man Series by **Dav Pilkey** A crime biting canine who is part dog, part man and ALL HERO! Grades 1-3

Keena Ford Series by **Melissa Thomson** Keena Ford doesn't mean to be a troublemaker, but sometimes things get out of hand. Lucky for her, it's the beginning of the second grade and Keena's got a clean slate. Ages 6-8

Princess Cupcake Jones Series by **Ylleya Fields** Cupcake Jones is a Modern day princess, who like many girls, loves her tutu and playing with her toys. Ages 5-7

King & Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code (series) by **Dori Hillestad Butler**,

Kayla and Mason both got mysterious letters, written in code. What does Kayla know? The same person left both letters. It's someone she and Mason both know. The two letters are the same, except for the second word. What does King know? Jillian left the letters. What do the letters say? DRA 18

Pedro, First-Grade Hero by **Fran Manushkin**, Spend some time with Pedro, Katie Woo's fun-loving friend. From a buggy disaster to a run for class president, Pedro has what it takes to be the hero of first-grade. No matter what he's doing, Pedro is always good for some laughs and adventure. Age 5-7

The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate (*The Princess in Black series*) by **Shannon & Dean Hale** Noseholes and elephants! A pet-eating monster interrupts a perfect playdate with Princess Sneezewort . . . but who is that new masked avenger? Princess Magnolia and Princess Sneezewort have plans . . . mysterious plans, like a princess playdate! They dress-up slam! They karaoke jam! They playhouse romp and snack-time stomp! But then a shout from outside Princess Sneezewort.” Ages 5-7
DRA 24

Star Jumper Series by: **Frank Asch** This is the journal of a cardboard genius, Alex, who has a little brother who annoys him to the point that he decides to build a star ship (out of cardboard, it really works) so he can move to a different planet. Grades K-5

Pete The Cat Series by: **Eric Litwin & James Dean** The adventures of Pete the Cat. Grades K-3 DRA 16

Non- Fiction/STEAM

Moonshot by **Brian Fioca** Simply told, grandly shown in close-up focus and wide-angle visas, this is the flight of Apollo 11 that began on July 16, 1969. DRA 28

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by **Andrea Davis Pinkney** This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. Ages 7-10

The Day-Glo Brothers by **Chris Barton** Brothers Joe and Bob Switzer were quite different. Bob was a hard worker and planner who wanted to grow up to be a doctor. Joe dreamed of making his fortune in show business and loved magic tricks and problem solving. When an accident left Bob recovering in the dark basement, the brothers began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints. Together they stumbled on a formula for colors that glows with an extra-special intensity Day-Glo color. Grades 2-5

Engineers Build Models by **Reagan Miller** Describes how engineers use models to help them build planes, automobiles, houses, and other structures, and discusses the different kinds of models. DRA 34-38

I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are by **Bridget Heos** For kids who like to be grossed out. Told from the point of view of the fly who is irritated by everyone's fascination with butterflies. Grades 2+

Ice Cream Summer by: **Peter Sis** Get the scoop on some fun history, math, and new vocabulary in this entertaining book about ice cream. DRA 24

The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams by **Tanya Lee Stone** This is the story of Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, who transformed a poor neighborhood in Chicago by opening up her house as a community center. Grades 1-2

Egg: Nature's Perfect Package by **Robin Page** Hatching a plan for survival isn't always easy in the wild. And how animals lay, protect, and even use each other's eggs as a food source help reveal the life cycle of the natural world. Grades K-3

Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by **Laurie Wallmark** Ada Lovelace, the daughter of the famous romantic poet, Lord Byron, develops her creativity through science and math. Grades K-3

How to Code: A Step-by-Step Guide to Computer Coding by **Max Wainwright** Introduces the basic principles of coding. Learn how to give instructions and turn instructions into code. Figure out how to debug code, solve problems and use algorithms. Grades 2-3

Hello Ruby: Adventures in Coding by **Linda Liukas** Meet Ruby—a small girl with a huge imagination, and the determination to solve any puzzle. As Ruby stomps around her world making new friends, including the Wise Snow Leopard, the Friendly Foxes, and the Messy Robots, kids will be introduced to the fundamentals of computational thinking, like how to break big problems into small ones, create step-by-step plans, look for patterns and think outside the box through storytelling. Grades K-3

The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath by **Julia Finley Mosca** As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath made it her mission to become a doctor. When obstacles like racism, poverty, and sexism threatened this goal, she persevered—brightening the world with a game-changing treatment for blindness! Grades K-5

Why Do Dogs Bark? by **Joan Holub** There are many different kinds of dogs and so much to find out about them. Why do dogs bark, howl, or bury bones? Why do they like to lick and sniff people? What jobs can dogs do? You'll find the answers to these questions and many more in this fact-filled reader about man's best friend. DRA 20-24

Flower Garden by **Eve Bunting** *Illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt* Bring nature into your classroom with this glorious, picture-book celebration of flowers, growth, and possibility — a fiction offering that makes an innovative and yet seamless connection. Ages 6-7 DRA 16

The Snow Leopard by: **Jackie Morris** This mountain story tells of a boy who dreams and hears a leopard, once human, that “sang the stars to life.” When intruders invade their hidden valley, the leopard passes on both his protective song and his animal form to the boy.

The Book of Mistakes by **Corinna Luyken** As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art. Ages 4-8 Pk-3

Ladybugs by **Gail Gibbons** Ladybugs are a type of beetle. They live on six of the seven continents. There are believed to be about 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs around the world. Ages 4-8 Grades K-3

Counting in the Garden by **Kim Parker** From talented textile designer Kim Parker comes a gorgeous counting book in which readers can count from one to ten while they search among the colorful flowers for various creatures hidden among lush garden scenes. Ages 3-5

Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by **Carol Buckley** Best friends come in all shapes and sizes! After retiring from the circus, Tarra became the first resident of the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. When other elephants moved in and developed close friendships, only Tarra remained independent until the day she met a stray mixed-breed dog named Bella. Ages 3-5

The Big Snow by **Berta Hader, Elmer Hader** When the geese begin to fly south, the leaves flutter down from the trees and the cold winds begin to blow from the north, the animals of the woods and meadows, big and small, prepare for the long, cold winter ahead when the countryside is hidden under a deep blanket of snow. Ages 6-9

My First Coding Book by **Kiki Prottzman** Teach kids as young as 5 years old the basic programming skills necessary to code, including sequencing and loops, without a computer. Grade K-2

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by **Jennifer Berne** Travel along with Einstein on a journey full of curiosity, laughter, and scientific discovery. Grades K-3

Bee Dance by **Rick Chrustowski** A honeybee searches for nectar, then returns to the hive to tell the other bees. She does a waggle dance, moving in a special figure-eight pattern to share the location of the food source with her hive mates. DRA 14

Thunder on the Plains: The Story of the American Buffalo by **Ken Robbins** Ken Robbins tells in words and historical photographs the amazing yet tragic story of a magnificent and truly American creature: the buffalo. Grades 2-5

Biographies

A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr. by **Denise Lewis Patrick** Young Martin Luther King Jr. is having some problems with his best friend, Bobby. First, they are going to different schools this year. Next, Bobby's dad is not letting his son play with Martin. When Martin learns why, he is confused and hurt -- but he learns a lesson that he will never forget. Grade 2

A Boy Named Boomer by **Boomer Esiason** American football player. Grade 2

Molly, By Golly! By **Dianne Ochiltree** This legendary tale introduces young readers to Molly Williams, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11, who is considered to be the first known female firefighter in U.S. history. DRA 20

Buffalo Bill by **Ingri d'Aulaire**, Presents Buffalo Bill's time in American history, from buffalo stampedes and Indian attacks to the Pony Express and Wild West shows.

Betsy Ross by: **Becky White** "Betsy ripped. Rip, rip. / Seven rich, crimson strips." Delightful rhymes, rhythms, and repetition describe the creation of the first American flag by Betsy Ross and her friend, George Washington. Grades K-5 DRA I

My Dream of Martin Luther King by: **Faith Ringgold** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life — from dealing with segregation in childhood to the Montgomery bus boycott, the March on Washington, his epic “I Have a Dream” speech, and his tragic assassination. Grades K-5 DRA M

Let's Read About: Cesar Chavez by **Jerry Tello** A profile of César Chávez, the Mexican American union leader who fought to get migrant farm workers better wages. DRA 14

Graphic Novels

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley by **Jeff Weigel** Alanna discovers a nest of dragon eggs and decides to raise them herself, but is soon caught up in a conflict between knights and dragons. Grades 2-6

Little Robot by **Ben Hatke** When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. Ages 6-9

Where's Leopold? Your Pajamas are Showing! by **Michel-Yves Schmitt** Leopold wakes up one morning invisible. Unfortunately, his clothing is not! First of the “Where's Leopold?” Grade 2-4

Dinosaurs in Space by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** Dinosaurs aren't extinct; instead they live in outer space in these three humorous tales set in outer space. Grades 1-4

The Totally Awesome Epic Quest of the Brave Boy Knight by **Pranas T. Naujokaitis** A young boy and his furry friend, Butterscotch, are brave knights who battle a green monster, seek a hidden treasure, and patrol the kingdom. Grades 1-4

Benjamin Bear in Brain Storms! by **Philippe Coudray** (Illustrator), **Françoise Mouly** (Translator) Benjamin Bear can always surprise his friends, whether it's by walking on his hands during a snowstorm or by using a tree as a parachute. This unassuming bear may at first seem down-to-earth, but his ideas are always out of this world. Ages 4-8

Tippy and the Night Parade by **Lilli Carre** (Illustrator) When Tippy wakes up, there's a peacock in her bedroom, a bird in her hair, and mice dancing on the headboard. . . . Yet all Tippy remembers is falling asleep. Ages 4-8

The Shark King by **R. Kikuo Johnson** (Illustrator) From Hawaii comes the electrifying tale of Nanaue, who has to balance his yearning for Dad's guidance with his desire for Mom's nurturing. Ages 4-8

A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse by **Frank Viva** (Illustrator) There's so much to see at the bottom of the world! Young readers won't stop grinning as they're swept away by this strange and magical story. Ages 4-8

Written and Drawn By Henrietta by **Liniers** (Illustrator) Reading books is fun . . . but what about making them? Armed with new colored pencils, Henrietta's ready to try. Peek over her shoulder as she draws the story of a brave young girl, a three-headed monster, and an impossibly wide world of adventure. Ages 5-6

Flop to the Top! by **Eleanor Davis** (Illustrator), **Drew Weing** (Illustrator) In this modern-day fable, Wanda calls her brother and sister "fans," keeps up with celebrity news, and never misses a chance to

share a selfie. She's ready to show the world how Wanda-ful she really is, but all people are interested in is . . . her dog! Ages 5

Poetry

Beastly Verse by **Various Authors** Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal-related poems, PK- 5

Poems for the Smart, Spunky & Sensational Black Girl by **Rachel Garlinghouse** Today's girl has a lot going on! From beads, bullies, and birthdays, to school, sunglasses, and siblings, Poems for the Smart, Spunky, and Sensational Black Girl resonates and inspires! Grades 1-2

Blue Sky, White Stars by **Sarvinder Naberhaus** This poetic, patriotic tribute will help readers appreciate America's splendor. Grades K-1 DRA 16

Something Big Has Been Here by **Jack Prelutsky** A poetry collection to tickle your funny bone Ages 5-10

A Poke in the I by: **Paul B. Janeczko** A collection of concrete/visual poetry. Grades 1-4

Bi-lingual

Margaret and Margarita: Margarita y Margaret by: **Lynn Reiser** Your child will love this bilingual (Spanish and English) book about a budding friendship between an English-speaking girl and a Spanish-speaking girl who meet in a park. For our Spanish readers: A su nino le encantaraeste libro bilingue sobre una amistad que crece entre una nina que habla ingles y una nina que habla espanol que se conocen en el parque.

The New Girl ... and Me by: **Jacqui Robbins Shakeeta** is the new girl and like all new kids since schools were first invented she feels out of place. Told in the first person by Mia, wise in the ways of school politics, this gentle story of adjustment and budding friendships carefully sticks to a child-eyed perspective to make its point: it's not so much what you say that makes a difference, it's that you say it at all. Ages 4-7