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Summer Reading

Every student is encouraged to read over the summer. Our theme for summer reading and next school year is

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

The Summer Slide

Students who don't read over the summer can lose up to three months of reading achievement. This is called the "Summer Slide." Of course, we don't want this to happen to our students. Therefore, you'll find five useful Summer Reading Tips below.

- Download books to tablets! The library offers several different services for electronic contents (eBooks, digital audiobooks & magazines).
- Visit the library-Summer is a great time to catch up on reading. Sit back, relax and read at the local library.
- Lead by example-Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office or stuff a book into your beach bag.
- Talk It Up-Talking with your child about what you've read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life.
- Have plenty of reading material around- Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark interest.



*This information was taken from Reading Is Fundamental, Reading Rockets and West Haven Public Library's website.



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Please select at least one of the books to read over the summer. Be ready to discuss your book in a “Book Chat,” which will be held in September. Happy Reading!

5th Grade Recommendations for the Book Chat

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper**

***Frindle* by Andrew Clements**

***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate**

***A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park**

6th Grade Recommendations for the Book Chat

***Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Lois Sacher**

***Loser* by Jerry Spinelli**

***On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer**

***Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**