

Make Summer Reading Fun!

Reading is Thinking!

District Reading Specialists



Establish a time to **READ** every day!

When you're trying to get better at anything, what helps the most is **PRACTICE**. When you make a few mistakes AND *try* to correct them, a substance in your brain called "myelin" wraps the connections between neurons. The more you practice, the more the myelin wraps, the faster and better you get... it's called being "in the zone," and it is what is happening when you learn. All those who are experts in their field, from Lebron

James to Einstein, achieved greatness through wrapping myelin - practicing in the zone.

- Read aloud to and with your children a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and websites. When reading Fiction think about and discuss: main characters (identifying them by name), setting, important events and details, problems/conflicts and solutions, how the characters change throughout the story, the theme (important message, issues, lesson) in the story.
- Read familiar books, poems, song lyrics and easier texts to practice sounding smooth, like you're talking. Read with them to encourage good rate and expression.
- Introduce them to a book series, and one book turns into three, four, or more when they get hooked!
- Read something every day for **FUN!** The newspaper, magazines and online resources provide kids with an opportunity to read about real topics.



**Summer is right
around the corner!**

Summer is a time to relax with family and friends, have fun and create memories! But don't forget to

**READ! READ!
READ!**

Writing
is only
reading
turned
inside out.

-- John Updike

COMPREHENSION

When reading **fiction** here are some ways to help your children with understanding their reading:

- Preview and talk about the story before beginning to read. Read the title, look at the cover, read the “blurb” on the back, read the table of contents.
- Make relevant predictions and ask questions related to the story.
- Encourage your child to ask questions before, during and after about their reading.
- Who? and What?: Focus on the important characters and their actions. After reading a few pages STOP and talk about “Who was the most important character in that chapter and “What” was the most important action or event. Was there a problem? What was it? Was it solved and how? What are the social issues the character(s) are facing and how they are dealing with them.
- Stop and summarize after a few pages or at the end of the chapter about what happened in the story. Before reading the next time use that same summary to remember and reconnect with the story. This will boost comprehension for the new reading.
- Use the strategy (*Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then/Finally*): After reading a chapter or short passage say or write a complete sentence or two telling who are the main character(s) (Somebody), what the character(s) (Wanted) - goal, (But) there was a problem, (So) this is how the problem was solved, and add what happened at the end (Then/Finally).
- Ask deeper questions that begin with *why* or *how*. These are questions that don’t have one-word answers. Instead of asking thinner questions that begin with *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*.
- VIP (Very Important Part) - Use sticky notes to mark the most important sentence after reading one or two pages. The important part contains an action that a character takes in the story and should be backed up with evidence from the story. Encourage them to consider the title of the chapter and illustrations. Ask, “What are you thinking?” Extend this strategy to a short chapter if they are able to determine importance after reading a few pages.



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

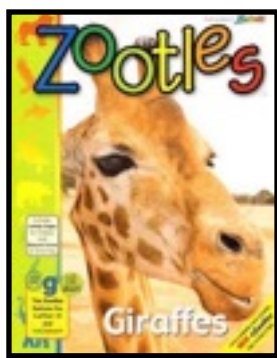
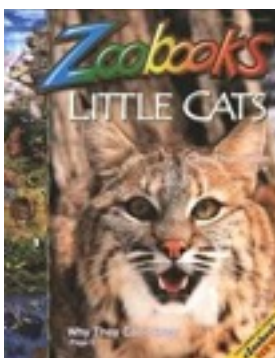
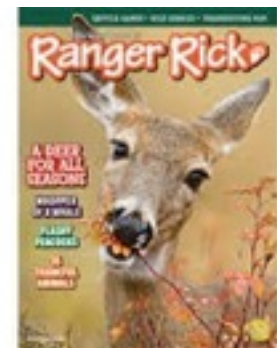
Dr. Seuss

COMPREHENSION (continued...)

When reading **non-fiction** here are some ways to help your children with understanding their reading:

- Build background knowledge so the reader can begin to wonder about a topic. Ask questions!
- Preview the text to determine what topic the text is about - read the title, table of contents, headings, subheadings, look at illustrations, photographs, captions, charts/tables, maps, boxes and sidebars, boldface words.
- VIP (Very Important Part): Use books with headings and use those headings to show how they are used to determine the Very Important Part. Use post-it flags to mark the most important sentence in the section that includes words from the heading.
- Read, Cover, Remember, Retell
 - READ only as much as your hand can cover
 - COVER the words with your hand
 - REMEMBER what you have just read (It's OK to take another look!)
 - RETELL what you just read inside your head or to someone
- Talk about how what they read relates to their own lives, other texts, family, friends, community, or world issues.

**GREAT
Nonfiction magazines for kids!**





DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

The Dublin Difference

<http://www.dublinschools.net>



Middle School Summer Reading Student Information

<https://mswebresources.wiki.dublinschools.net/>

2018-19 Camps and Activities for Students Sports and Academic Camps

<https://www.dublinschools.net/youthactivities.aspx>

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

10 Great Reasons to Read!

1. **READ** to understand the past.
2. **READ** to explore your world.
3. **READ** to plan your future.
4. **READ** to visit new places.
5. **READ** to create great things.
6. **READ** to make a good decision.
7. **READ** to have fun.
8. **READ** to exercise your mind.
9. **READ** to keep in touch.
10. **READ** because you can!!!!

SUMMER LEARNING FUN!

- Relax and read for enjoyment every day!
- Visit your local library and take part in their summer reading programs. Prizes are awarded upon completion.
- Take turns reading with someone.
- Keep a summer journal writing down the books you read and why you liked them.
- Keep a summer scrapbook of pictures, postcards, and ticket stubs for the places you visited and write captions for them.
- Become a pen pal with a school friend via postcards or email.
- Start a BOOK CLUB with your friends.
- Listen to audio books or read books on the web.
- Keep a "travel" journal of the books you read. "Where did the books and characters take you?"
- Visit the zoo, art museum, COSI to learn new things!



Link to padlet that contains additional links to books for all to enjoy!

https://padlet.com/gaylord_jennifer/2tme4mcx2i9w

Get ready for **SUMMER READING**



Our local libraries promote great Summer Reading Programs

that encourage kids to... **READ! READ! READ!**

Columbus Metropolitan Libraries

Dublin Library Branch

75 North High Street *Grand opening June 6

614-645-2275

<https://www.worthingtonlibraries.org/visit/services/summer-reading-club>

You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge on Saturday, June 1 - August 3, 2019

online or at the library. Participants can sign up and enter progress toward their reading goals

from home or at any CML location and earn prizes for reading and completing literacy activities.

On Saturday June 1 from 11 AM-1 PM there will be a kick-off celebration with activities, games,

just and food. Musician and storyteller Jim Gill will perform at 11:15 and 12:15.

Worthington Libraries

Northwest Library Branch

2280 Hard Road

614-807-2650

<https://www.worthingtonlibraries.org/visit/services/>

[summer-reading-club](https://www.worthingtonlibraries.org/visit/services/summer-reading-club)

You can sign up for the summer reading challenge beginning

May 28, 2019 - July 28, 2019 online or at the library. This year's theme is **"Kickin' It Old**

School!" Participants can sign up and enter progress toward their reading goals from home or

at any Worthington Library location and earn prizes for reading and completing literacy

activities.



Scholastic "READ-A-PALOOZA" Summer Reading Challenge™!

May 6 -September 6, 2019

The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a free online program

designed to motivate and excite kids around reading books this

summer. Summer reading is essential for preventing the "summer

slide," the decline of skills and knowledge when school is not in

session. During this free, fun program, your kids can enter their

reading minutes online to unlock exclusive digital rewards and

donate books to kids in need across the nation.

<https://www.scholastic.com/summer/parents-home/>



READING & EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES

ABCya!:

<http://abcya.com>

Children can listen to short stories read aloud to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. ABCya! has a variety of educational games in addition to the featured stories. Free resources and materials are available for grades K through 5.

Book Adventure

<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Book Adventure is a fun, free way to motivate your child to read! Kids in grades K-8 can search for books, read them offline, come back to quiz on what they've read, and earn prizes for their reading success. Start your reading adventure!

DOGOnews

<https://dogonews.com>

Current events news stories and articles on a variety of nonfiction topics

Fun Brain Reading:

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Web books, comics, games, math and reading arcade

Kid Lit Collective:

<https://wtpsite.wordpress.com/2019/03/24/2019-summer-reading-list/>

<https://kidlit.tv/>

The 2019 Summer Reading List from the We Are Kid Lit Collective is here! Explore the world of children's literature. We're a diverse group of parents, educators, librarians, kid lit creators, and award-winning filmmakers working together to create fun new ways to reinforce an appreciation of reading that children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

KidsReads:

<http://www.kidsreads.com/>

A site dedicated to book lovers providing a forum to discover and share commentary about the books and authors they enjoy. Author interviews, book reviews, excerpts of the hottest new releases, contests and more...

INFOhio (Ohio's PreK-12 Digital Library)

<https://www.infohio.org/students/er/grade/gk5>

This digital library offers free high quality, online resources to all of Ohio's PreK-12 students including World Book Encyclopedia's, Scholastic's BookFlix and much more.

International Children's Digital Library:

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

Discover books from around the world at the International Children's Digital Library. The free site does not read the books aloud, but students can read them independently during Read to Self or free time. This is a great site for extension activities when learning about different regions of the world and can be used effectively into the middle school grades.

National Geographic Young Explorers:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

National Geographic Young Explorers is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. It is a great way to bring interesting non-fiction stories into reading center time.

PBS Kids

<http://pbskids.org/>

Educational games and videos from Curious George, Wild Kratts and other PBS KIDS shows!

Poetry 4 Kids

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

The funny poetry playground of children's author Kenn Nesbitt. Here you will find lots of funny poems and poetry books for children, classic children's poetry, games, poetry lessons and activities, plus a rhyming dictionary, videos, school visit information and lots more.

Random House Kids:

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/index.pperl>

Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones, Dr. Seuss, Berenstain Bears, activities, book lists and more. . .

Read Kiddo Read:

<http://www.readkiddoread.com/>

James Patterson kid's reading website with book recommendations and reviews for all ages.

ReadWorks.org

<http://www.readworks.org/>

The solution for reading comprehension. Articles to beat the summer slump from Kindergarten - 12th grade. Each article has questions and an answer key. You can print the articles or read them online.

Scholastic Kids: Books, Games, Videos

<https://www.scholastic.com/kids/home/>

Smithsonian for Kids:

<http://www.si.edu/kids>

A fun way to learn history and science.

Sports Illustrated for Kids

<https://www.sikids.com/>

SI Kids provides a kid-first perspective of sports. Find sports news for kids, scores, kids games, photos and expert analysis of the NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB, soccer, ..

Starfall:

<http://starfall.com>

While some areas of Starfall are part of their premium service, they have many early reader stories available for free. Students can follow along as the story is read to them and can, in some instances, help create their own story. The website is highly engaging and a favorite of young readers.

Storyline Online:

<http://www.storylineonline.net>

Developed by The Screen Actors Guild Foundation, Storyline Online features accomplished actors and actresses reading some of their favorite children's books. Each story comes with a free Activity Guide and can be viewed on YouTube or SchoolTube.

Storynory:

<http://www.storynory.com/>

Storynory features a collection of original, fairytale, and classic children's audio stories. Students can follow along with the story as it is read to them, as the text is also included on the site. There are also some great features available that give you the option of downloading the audio to your computer, listening to "catch phrase" explanations, translating text into different languages (especially helpful for your ELL students!), and more.

Unite for Literacy:

<http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/?redirect=true>

We picture a world where all children have access to an abundance of books that celebrate their languages and cultures and cultivate a life-long love of reading. As a for-profit social enterprise, we partner with businesses to change the literacy landscape of their communities by introducing families to our free digital library.

Parent Resources - Websites

Free educational websites for kids!

<http://parentingchaos.com/free-education-websites-for-kids/>

Scholastic Parents: Resources, Videos

<https://www.scholastic.com/summer/parents-home/>

PBS Parents:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

PBS Parents is filled with information on child development and early learning. It also offers access to educational games and activities.

Read To Me International:

<http://www.readtomeintl.org/resources/>

There are recommended children's reading lists, activities, videos, related links and suggested readings that will enhance parents understanding and enjoyment of reading aloud and additional parent resources. The reading lists are by age or topic, activities are by age.



<https://camp.wonderopolis.org/>

2019 Camp Wonderopolis is a free online summer-learning destination that's full of fun, interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments! Keeping kids and their families learning together throughout the summer. Camp Wonderopolis can help build vocabulary, background knowledge in science, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and other literacy skills. Register as a Camper (kids of all ages) or Counselor (parents), you'll enjoy learning through wonder!

READO

Color the squares when you complete an activity. Try to get 5 in a row.

<p>Set a reading goal for summer! AND List ALL the books you read!</p>	<p>Read for 20 minutes without stopping!</p>	<p>Read a fairy tale, fable or folktale.</p>	<p>Take turns reading a book with a family member.</p>	<p>Read a "how to" book about something you want to learn how to do!</p>
<p>Read a book in a genre that you haven't read before. Poetry, Fantasy, Mystery, Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction</p>	<p>Take a blanket and pillow outside and read your favorite book!</p>	<p>Record yourself reading on a phone or computer and ask yourself... "Did I read with expression?"</p>	<p>Write your thoughts down as you read. How did the main character feel? How did I connect with the characters?</p>	<p>Read to a family member and tell what you liked about the book.</p>
<p>Read two pages in a book with great expression!</p>	<p>Read a book with a friend and talk about your favorite part.</p>	<p>Listen to a family member read a book.</p>	<p>Read a book to a younger child.</p>	<p>Turn out the lights and read a story by flashlight.</p>
<p>Read a nonfiction book about a topic that interests you.</p>	<p>Read 2 books in the same series. OR Try a new series.</p>	<p>Read a new book by your favorite author or read a book by a new author.</p>	<p>Read a biography about a famous person and talk about why they were famous.</p>	<p>Read a book about talking animals to your pet or a special stuffed animal.</p>
<p>Go to the Library and let your family choose a book for you to read.</p>	<p>Read a book that makes you laugh.</p>	<p>Read 5 picture books in one day!</p>	<p>Read a book on the computer, iPad, or phone or listen to an audiobook.</p>	<p>Read a nonfiction book and talk about what you learned.</p>