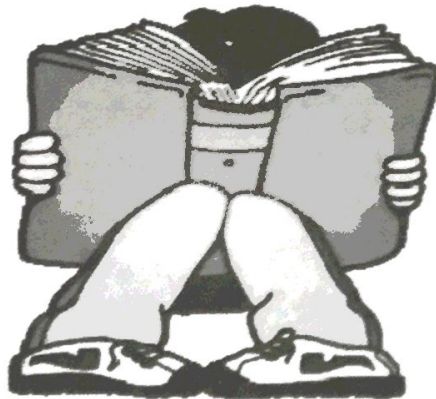


Riverside Elementary School

Summer Reading

For students entering Preschool

Riverside Elementary School and Community Summer Reading Partnership Preschool



A Message to Families

Welcome to our Preschool Summer Reading Partnership. Fostering a love of reading in our children is the most important skill that we can give them. Establishing this habit is a shared responsibility between the home and the school. We want students to experience the many joys of reading and become lifelong readers and learners.

We have chosen book titles for summer reading that will appeal to a variety of interests or you can pick a book of your own choosing. Feel free to select any title of interest to your child. Students are encouraged to read many books throughout the summer and complete the reading log included in this packet with the help of an adult. The reading log should be returned to their teacher during the first week of school in September. We invite you to share this summer reading experience by reading to your child, with your child, or having your child read independently.

Have a great summer and enjoy all the wonderful things you can read and learn.

Preschool Summer Reading

Please visit the Library and choose from the following authors.

Eric Carle

Jan Brett

Lois Ehlert

Denise Fleming

Pat Hutchins

Eric Litwin

Bill Martin Jr.

Laura Numeroff

Dr. Seuss

Mo Willems

Audrey Wood

Include counting, singing and rhyming stories

Why Read Over The Summer?

- Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially reading!
- Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading, and read for enjoyment.
- Summer reading programs have been shown to be the most important factor in avoiding the decline in reading skills educators refer to as "summer learning loss."
- Summer reading can bridge the gap between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.
- Many studies indicate that the best readers are those who read a lot.
- Summer reading will help to promote student literacy in accordance with the State Standards.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Read and discuss the book with your child.
- Ask your child questions about the characters, setting, plot, and problem/solution for fiction books
- Have your child share interesting facts for non-fiction books.
- Make real-life connections with the story whenever possible.
- Visit the local library to encourage your child to read additional books this summer.

Websites

- Notable Children's Books
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Caldecott Book Award
[http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/cald
ecottmedal](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/cald
ecottmedal)
- Reading is Fundamental <http://readingisfundamental.org/>
- Guide to Children's Literature-Book lists include audience appeal and category (genre). <http://www.bookhive.org>
- Online streaming video program featuring Screen Actors Guild members reading children's picture books aloud.
<http://www.storylineonline.net>
- Our school website <http://www.riverside.k12.nj.us> has many literacy resources available including:
 - Bedtime Stories: These are children's books read aloud by the Riverside Elementary School teachers on video. To view these videos go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Contact School**. From there click **Elementary School**. Finally click **Bedtime Stories** from the Quick Link menu on the right side.
 - Tumble Books Library: This is a collection of "e-books" (electronic versions of printed books to be read on a computer, tablet or smart phone). To read these books go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Contact School**. From there click **Elementary School**. From the top menu bar click **Students**. Finally click **Tumble Books Library**.
 - Destiny: There are also e-books available in our Destiny program. Go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Students** then **Destiny**. Students should use their student id number for the username and password to access these e-books.

Children need access to a wide variety of books that provide engaging and successful reading experiences. Some suggestions to help children gain access to more books would be ***book swapping with siblings and friends*** and ***visiting our local libraries***.

Visit our local free public libraries:

Riverside Library

10 Zurbrugg Way

Riverside, NJ 08075

(856) 461-6922

Hours:

Monday 12pm to 5pm, 6:30-8pm

Tuesday 12pm to 5pm

Wednesday 10am to 5pm

Thursday 12 to 5pm, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 10am to 2pm

- You or your child must have a library card to borrow books from the library free of charge. Please see the attached Library Card application.
- If you request a title or author that is not currently available at the Riverside Library, you may ask if it is available at another branch and make arrangements to have the book transferred to the Riverside branch for your convenience. You can also do a title or author search on the website below.

Burlington County Library System- <http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Main Branch: 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ 08060 Phone: 609-267-9660

Delanco: 1303 Burlington Avenue Delanco, NJ 08075 Phone: 609-461-6850

Cinnaminson: 1619 Riverton Road Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 Phone: 856-829-9340

Many branches of the library host **free activities** such as baby and toddler times, story times and book discussion groups. **Free Museum Passes** are also available to visit places such as The Garden State Discovery Museum and The Academy of Natural Sciences. Information on these and many more **free** opportunities is available at the County Library website <http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Burlington County Library System

Library Card Application



PIN:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact? ☐ email ☐ phone

☐ Yes, sign me up for the library newsletter

Signature of applicant or Parent/Guardian: _____

bcsl.lib.nj.us

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_____ 's Summer Reading Record

After you have read a book this summer, write the title and the author of the book on your log, and have your parent initial your log. Return this log to your teacher on the first day of school in September. ***Your teacher will be interested to see the many different books you have read!***

	Title of Book	Author	Parent Initials
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