

# Parenting Tip of the Month

May



Lower Elementary Teachers

# Prevent the Summer Reading Slide

*A Guide for Parents*

*“I know my students covered important reading skills last school year, but I still need to spend so much time reviewing those same skills at the start of each new school year.”*

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K-12 Reading and  
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The “summer slide” is an all-too-common frustration for teachers and parents. Students who don’t read during the summer are likely to lose crucial ground.

Help prevent your child from the “summer slide” and provide them with opportunities to strengthen reading skills during the break from school. Here are some suggestions:

## **Have your child read 20+ minutes each day.**

Research proves that reading just 20 minutes each day outside of school can increase a student’s vocabulary by almost 2 million words!

## **Set a good example.**

When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book, magazine, or newspaper, you are sending a message that reading is an important and valuable activity.

## **Read with your child.**

Introduce a variety of book genres and writing styles.

## **Read for different purposes.**

Reading a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.

## **Make reading and writing a regular part of your daily home activities.**

If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, consider setting up an incentive program to help them stay motivated.

## **Talk to your child about what he or she is reading.**

Ask open-ended questions such as, “What do you think about that story?” or, “What would you have done if you were that character?” to encourage meaningful discussions.

## **Visit your public library.**

Most community libraries run summer reading programs to inspire and engage students of all ages.

## **Play word games.**

Play games such as thinking of different words to describe the same things.

## **Set limits for screen time.**

Reducing screen time creates opportunities for reading.

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## AGES 0-2 (BY TITLE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)

- *Baby Shark: Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo*  
Nathan Neary (Author) & John John Bajet (Illustrator)
- *Grow on STEAM: This Bug Needs a Boat*   
Melanie Worth (Author) & Wook Jin Jung (Illustrator)
- *You Are My Magical Unicorn*  
Joyce Wan (Author & Illustrator)
- *Will Giraffe Laugh?*   
Hilary Leung (Author)
- *Scholastic Early Learners: Look Who's Mooing!* 
- *No, David!*   
David Shannon (Author & Illustrator)
- *Will Ladybug Hug?*   
Hilary Leung (Author)
- *Grumpy Bird*  
Jeremy Tankard (Author)
- *Groovy Joe: If You're Groovy and You Know It, Hug a Friend (#3)*   
Eric Litwin (Author) & Tom Lichtenheld (Illustrator)
- *Rookie Toddler®—Sing Along Toddler: The Wheels on the Truck Go 'Round and 'Round*   
Children's Press (Author)
- *I Love Old MacDonald's Farm*  
Sandra Magsamen (Author & Illustrator)
- *Hi-Five Animals!*  
Ross Burach (Author & Illustrator)
- *Dream Big, Little One*  
Vashti Harrison (Author & Illustrator)
- *Rookie Toddler®—First Concepts: Can You Find the Colors?*   
Children's Press (Author)
- *I Just Want to Say Good Night*  
Rachel Isadora (Author & Illustrator)
- *Toad on the Road: A Cautionary Tale*  
Stephen Shaskan (Author & Illustrator)
- *Grandma Loves You Because You're You*  
Liza Baker (Author) & David McPhail (Illustrator)
- *Penguins Love Their ABC's*   
Sarah Aspinall (Author & Illustrator)
- *We Love the Farm*  
Rachael Saunders (Author & Illustrator)
- *My First Mandarin Words with Gordon & Li Li*  
Michele Wong McSween (Author) & Nam Doan (Illustrator)
- *My Little Busy Day: Cooking With You*   
Ellen Whisenant (Author) & Mary Hall (Illustrator)
- *Rookie Toddler®: Silly Monsters at Mealtime*   
Kerilyn Acer (Author) & Danny E. Rivera (Illustrator)
- *Good Morning World*  
Paul Windsor (Author)
- *Little You*  
Richard Van Camp (Author) & Julie Flett (Illustrator)
- *Babies on the Move: Play, Play, Baby!*   
Anna W. Bardaus (Author) & Christine Grove (Illustrator)

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## AGES 3-5 (BY TITLE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)

- *Elephant & Piggie: Should I Share My Ice Cream?*   
Mo Willems (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Little Red Fort*  
Brenda Maier (Author) & Sonia Sanchez (Illustrator)
- *Grow Up, David!*   
David Shannon (Author & Illustrator)
- *We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands*  
Rafael López (Author & Illustrator)
- *Clifford the Big Red Dog: It's Pool Time!*   
Meredith Rusu (Author) & Remy Simard (Illustrator)
- *Thelma the Unicorn*  
Aaron Blabey (Author & Illustrator)
- *Alma and How She Got Her Name*  
Juana Martinez-Neal (Author & Illustrator)
- *Misunderstood Shark*  
Ame Dyckman (Author) & Scott Magoon (Illustrator)
- *Moby Shinobi: Ninja on the Job*  
Luke Flowers (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Very Impatient Caterpillar*  
Ross Burach (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Word Collector*  
Peter H. Reynolds (Author & Illustrator)
- *A Friend for Dragon (Dragon's Tales)*   
Dav Pilkey (Author & Illustrator)
- *Perfect*  
Max Amato (Author)
- *Saffron Ice Cream*  
Rashin Kheiriyeh (Author & Illustrator)
- *I Need a Hug*  
Aaron Blabey (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Three Little Superpigs*   
Claire Evans (Author & Illustrator)
- *How Do Dinosaurs Choose their Pets?*   
Jane Yolen (Author) & Mark Teague (Illustrator)
- *Hello, My Name is...: How Adorabilis Got His Name*  
Marisa Polansky (Author) & Joey Chou (Illustrator)
- *Try a Little Kindness*  
Henry Cole (Author & Illustrator)
- *My Wish for You: Lessons from my Six-Year-Old Daughter*  
Kathryn Hahn (Author) & Brigette Barrager (Illustrator)
- *Pine & Boof: The Lucky Leaf*   
Ross Burach (Author & Illustrator)
- *Unicorn Magic*  
Sabina Gibson (Author & Illustrator)
- *Amigo*  
Carlos Zamora (Author & Illustrator)
- *Drawn Together*  
Minh Lê (Author) & Dan Santat (Illustrator)
- *All Around Us*  
Xelena Gonzalez (Author) & Adriana M. Garcia (Illustrator)




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## AGES 6-8 (BY TITLE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)

- *Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild (#6)*   
Dav Pilkey (Author & Illustrator)
- *Mac B. Kid Spy: Mac Undercover (#1)*   
Mac Barnett (Author) & Mike Lowery (Illustrator)
- *Owl Diaries: Eva and Baby Mo (#10)*   
Rebecca Elliott (Author & Illustrator)
- *Ranger in Time: Disaster on the Titanic (#9)*   
Kate Messner (Author) & Kelley McMorris (Illustrator)
- *The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal*  
Nick Seluk (Author & Illustrator)
- *Dragons Eat Noodles on Tuesdays*  
Jon Stahl (Author) & Tadgh Bentley (Illustrator)
- *What If You Had T. Rex Teeth?: And Other Dinosaur Parts*   
Sandra Markle (Author) & Howard McWilliam (Illustrator)
- *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*  
Margot Lee Shetterly (Author) & Laura Freeman (Illustrator)
- *Ordinary People Change the World: I Am Neil Armstrong*   
Brad Meltzer (Author) & Christopher Eliopoulos (Illustrator)
- *Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (#1)*   

- *WeirDo (#1)*   
Anh Do (Author)
- *Fly Guy Presents: Sharks*   
Tedd Arnold (Author & Illustrator)
- *Unicorn and Yeti: A Good Team, An Acorn Book (#2)*   
Heather Ayris Burnell (Author) & Hazel Quintanilla (Illustrator)
- *Press Start!: Super Rabbit Boy vs. Supper Rabbit Boss! (#4)*   
Thomas Flintham (Author & Illustrator)
- *Mermaids to the Rescue: Lana Swims North (#2)*   
Lisa Ann Scott (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Binder of Doom: Brute-Cake (#1)*   
Troy Cummings (Author & Illustrator)
- *There Was an Old Lady Books: There was an Old Mermaid Who Swallowed a Shark!*   
Lucille Colandro (Author) & Jared D. Lee (Illustrator)
- *The Bad Guys in Superbad (#8)*   
Aaron Blabey (Author & Illustrator)
- *Bad Kitty: Kitten Trouble*   
Nick Bruel (Author & Illustrator)
- *Pug Pals: Yay for Vacay! (#2)*   
Flora Ahn (Author & Illustrator)
- *A Crabby Book: Hello, Crabby! (#1)*   
Jonathan Fenske (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Astronaut Who Painted the Moon: The True Story of Alan Bean*  
Dean Robbins (Author) & Sean Rubin (Illustrator)
- *Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party*   
Megan McDonald (Author) & Peter H. Reynolds (Illustrator)
- *Blaire (American Girl: Girl of the Year 2019, Book 1)*   
Jennifer Castle (Author) & Judith Mallol (Illustrator)






## AGES 9-11 (BY TITLE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)

- *The Baby-Sitters Club: Kristy's Big Day (#6)*   
Ann M. Martin (Author) & Gale Galligan (Illustrator)
- *Because of the Rabbit*  
Cynthia Lord (Author)
- *DC Comics Secret Hero Society: Science Fair Crisis (#4)*   
Derek Fridolfs (Author) & Pamela Lovas (Illustrator)
- *A Dog's Porpoise*  
M.C. Ross (Author)
- *A Drop of Hope*  
Keith Calabrese (Author)
- *Front Desk*  
Kelly Yang (Author)
- *I Survived: I Survived the Battle of D-Day, 1944 (#18)*   
Lauren Tarshis (Author)
- *Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond: Game of Stars (#2)*   
Sayantani DasGupta (Author)
- *Lety Out Loud*  
Angela Cervantes (Author)
- *Resistance*  
Jennifer A. Nielsen (Author)
- *Star Wars Jedi Academy: Revenge of the Sis (#7)*   
Jarrett J. Krosoczka & Amy Ignatow (Author) & Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Illustrator)
- *She Dared: Malala Yousafzai (#2)*   
Jenni L. Walsh (Author)
- *With the Might of Angels (Dear America)*   
Andrea Davis Pinkney (Author)
- *Restart*  
Gordon Korman (Author)
- *The Parker Inheritance*  
Varian Johnson (Author)
- *American Girl Real Stories from My Time: The March on Washington*   
Bonnie Bader (Author) & Kelley McMorris (Illustrator)
- *Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome (#1)*   
Sarai Gonzalez & Monica Brown (Author) & Christine Almeda (Illustrator)
- *Making Friends*  
Kristen Gudsruk (Author & Illustrator)
- *Dactyl Hill Squad (#1)*   
Daniel José Older (Author)
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: The Illustrated Edition*   
J.K. Rowling (Author) & Jim Kay (Illustrator)
- *A True Book™ - Get Ready to Code: Designing a Game*   
Jennifer Hackett (Author)
- *Mr. Wolf's Class (#1)*   
Aron Nels Steinke (Author & Illustrator)
- *Wings of Fire: The Hive Queen (#12)*   
Tui T. Sutherland (Author)
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears*  
Meg Medina (Author)

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## AGES 12-14 (BY TITLE, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR)

- *Betty Before X*  
Ilyasah Shabazz & Renée Watson (Authors)
- *Breakout*  
Kate Messner (Author)
- *The Darkdeep*   
Ally Condie & Brendan Reichs (Authors)
- *Gamer Army*  
Trent Reedy (Author)
- *Grenade*  
Alan Gratz (Author)
- *Screenshot*  
Donna Cooner (Author)
- *Spin*  
Lamar Giles (Author)
- *Focused*  
Alyson Gerber (Author)
- *Hurricane Child*  
Kheryn Callender (Author)
- *Miles Morales: Spider-Man (A Marvel YA Novel)*  
Jason Reynolds (Author)
- *Anything But Okay*  
Sarah Darer Littman (Author)
- *Listen to Your Heart*  
Kasie West (Author)
- *Frogkisser!*  
Garth Nix (Author)
- *The House with Chicken Legs*  
Sophie Anderson (Author)
- *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*  
Lucy Strange (Author)
- *Top 20 Daredevils: Countdown to Danger*   
Melvin & Gilda Berger (Author) & Berat Pekmezci (Illustrator)
- *Last of Her Name*  
Jessica Khoury (Author)
- *Sparrow*  
Sarah Moon (Author)
- *Witch Born*  
Nicholas Bowling (Author)
- *The Spirit of Cattail County*  
Victoria Piontek (Author)
- *Truly Madly Royally*  
Debbie Rigaud (Author)
- *Amulet: Supernova (#8)*   
Kazu Kibuishi (Author & illustrator)
- *Rick Riordan Presents: Dragon Pearl*   
Yoon Ha Lee (Author)
- *Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers, Volume 1*   
Arigon Starr, et al. (Author)

## YOUNG ADULT (BY TITLE, AUTHOR)

- *The Music of What Happens*  
Bill Konigsberg (Author)
- *Dry*  
Neal and Jarrod Shusterman (Authors)
- *Hey, Kiddo*  
Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Author & Illustrator)
- *On the Come Up*  
Angie Thomas (Author)
- *Shout*  
Laurie Halse Anderson (Author)
- *That's Not What Happened*  
Kody Keplinger (Author)
- *The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali*  
Sabina Khan (Author)
- *Overtured*  
Lamar Giles (Author)
- *Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow*  
Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Author) with Tonya Bolden
- *Impostors (#1)*   
Scott Westerfeld (Author)
- *Riverdale: The Day Before (#1)*   
Micol Ostow (Author)
- *Five Nights at Freddy's: The Silver Eyes (#1)*   
Scott Cawthon & Kira Breed-Wrisley (Author)
- *HALO: Battle Born*   
Cassandra Rose Clarke (Author)
- *Mortal Engines (#1)*   
Philip Reeve (Author)
- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*  
Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Author)
- *The Lines We Cross*  
Randa Abdel-Fattah (Author)
- *The Agony House*  
Cherie Priest (Author) & Tara O'Connor (Illustrator)
- *Night Witches: A Novel of World War II*  
Kathryn Lasky (Author)
- *Anything But Okay*  
Sarah Darer Littman (Author)
- *Pretend She's Here*  
Luanne Rice (Author)
- *War Horse*  
Michael Morpurgo (Author)
- *Last of Her Name*  
Jessica Khoury (Author)
- *A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919*  
Claire Hartfield (Author)

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