

Websites with Great Ideas

www.neisd.net/read/summer_reading/summer_reading.html
(our district website)

<http://www.mysapl.org/kids.aspx>
This is the SA Public Library's website for kids. Register for the Summer Reading program online (mysapl.org) or at the Library. Read 15 books for your certificate and prize!

www.rif.org
If you look around the site there are tips on reading with your kids, booklists, songs, and games.

<http://www.scholastic.com/summerrreading/>
Join Scholastic's Summer Reading Challenge. Help make a WORLD RECORD!!!

<http://www.sikids.com>
Sports Illustrated for kids—all sports reading and games

Search for a website
Or blog (online diary)
of your favorite author.
More and more authors
post fun snippets on the web!



<http://www.pbs.org/parents/bookligths/>
This is a PBS blog specifically to distribute information on how to instill a LOVE of reading in your child.

<http://bookclubs.barnesandnoble.com/bn/>
Choose the Letter Blocks blog ... they will have guest "posters" all summer, talking about their favorite titles. Right now Jane O'Conner is reading *Fancy Nancy Bonjour Butterfly*

www.starfall.com
Website with reading games and activities

Poetry Websites
<http://www.poetry4kids.com/index.php>

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

Summer Doings

Some at beaches
are sand-castling;
Some are silly-
fighting, rasseling!
Some are swimming,
camping, hiking;
Some say stickball
is their liking.
Some on bikes are
gaily speeding;
Some are smarter
SUMMER READING!
~William Cole

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Summer Reading



TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book. ~Author Unknown

"The only way to do all the things you'd like to do is to read." --Tom Clancy

The big advantage of a book is that it's very easy to rewind. Close it and you're right back at the beginning. --Jerry Seinfeld

Reading is Fun!!

Reading is a family activity!



Summertime is a great time for reading together as a family.

For just beginning readers choose stories with lines that repeat (for example "I do not like green eggs and ham, I do not like them Sam, I am" and let your child join in).

For newly independent readers it's important to ask comprehension and thinking questions such as "What just happened in the story? What do you think will happen next?"

For confident readers questions like "Why do you think the character made that choice? What would you do differently?" or "What did you learn about that topic?" or "What do you want to read about next?"

Check out an audio book from the library and listen together. Remember there are many different types of "reading"—magazines and comic books are just as valuable as "books". Summer Reading can and should be just for FUN!



It Pays to Read!

Don't believe me? Check out these websites to find out. You could earn *spending money* and *free books* for reading during the summer.

HEBuddy Summer Reading Club
<http://www.hebuddy.com/content/pdf/readingclub.pdf>

Read 10 books and get a cool T-shirt

Barnes and Noble:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/>

Read and log 8 books on your B&N passport and get a FREE book.

Borders Reading Challenge:
http://www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView_doubledogdare

Read 10 books and get one free! Kids 12 and under can choose from 10 great titles.

Half Price Books:
http://www.halfpricebooks.com/feed_your_brain.html

Read 15 min per day and track it on the journal they provide. At the end of each week, turn in your journal for a \$3 gift card to the store. The program runs for 6 weeks, so you could earn up to \$18 in gift cards!

Visiting Author 2010-11

Alan Katz will be visiting Northern Hills in February. Check out his website
<http://www.alankatzbooks.com/>

Summer Reading lists

2010-2011 Texas Bluebonnet List
(for grades 3-6)
www.txla.org/TBA

2010-2011 Texas 2x2 List
(for ages 2—grade 2)
<http://www.txla.org/groups/2x2>

NEISD Summer Reading Suggestions

http://www.neisd.net/read/summer_reading/summer_reading.html

2010-2011 NEISD 4th Grade Battle of the Books Official List

<http://www.neisd.net/northern/booklists.html>

This is a wonderful reading program I hope to share with Encino Park Eagles!



A few of the Bannwolf/Reagan HS Library activities ...

Catch the Bluebonnet Express! Thursdays June 11:00pm

BACK Pack (books and crafts for ages 3-11 with parents)—Wednesdays at 11am

Teen Time Wednesdays at 2pm

Blue Bell Ice Cream Giveaway July 19th at 1pm

Summerfest July 28th at 11am. Lucas Miller, the singing zoologist, will bring science to life with his stories and songs.

Other activities can be found on the Semmes calendar <http://www.mysapl.org/calendar.aspx?id=sem>