

10 Easy Ways to Get Children to Read this Summer

- 1.** Get your child a library card at your local public library. It's free!
- 2.** Sign your child up for Summer Reading at the local public library and enjoy free programs with fun activities, storytelling, reading contests, crafts and more.
- 3.** Read with your child every day. Take advantage of "waiting" time to share books: on trips, at the doctor's office and on line at the grocery store.
- 4.** Take a basket of books for reading breaks from the sun.
- 5.** Read on your own and talk to your child about what you're reading. Families who share reading experiences raise children who read well.
- 6.** Visit the library every week and bring the whole family.
- 7.** Need books in languages other than English? Ask a librarian!
- 8.** Use the closed captioning during TV shows so children see the words as they hear them.
- 9.** Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books everyone has read during the summer.
- 10.** Discover the world by reading books from your local public library. Choose a subject of interest for the entire family, so that every family member can share what they have learned and share ideas.

Reader Reflection Prompts for Fiction and Nonfiction Text

Here are some prompts to get you started:

- I liked the way the author...
- I was surprised when...
- I began to think of...
- I noticed that...
- This made me think of...
- It seems like...
- I would like to learn more about...
- I think this book should win an award because...
- I would recommend this book to...
- I think this book should be made into a movie because....
- While reading I learned...
- I found _____ interesting because...
- Some key text features are...
- The author probably wrote this because...
- The story reminds me of...

Fictional Book Reflection

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Reader Response

What is the setting of the story?

What words would you use to describe the main character?

What are three important events in the story?

I would or would not recommend this book to a friend because _____

Informational Book Reflection

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

Reader Response

Write two new words and their definitions that you discovered in this story.

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What interesting facts did you discover while reading?

Journal Writing

Summer is a great time to explore writing. You can learn more about yourself by writing about your interests, thoughts, feelings, and experiences! It is a great time to start your own writing adventure! Feel free to write about your summer... but if you happen to get “writer’s block,” here are a few suggestions!

Summer Writing Ideas

- Summer is a great time to go outside. Describe what you see and hear outdoors.
- What is your favorite thing to do when you play outdoors?
- If you could take a trip anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- Tell about an interesting animal you would like to have for a pet.
- What is the funniest thing you’ve ever seen?
- What would you do if there was a dragon stuck under your bed?
- Tell about your favorite holiday. Explain why it is your favorite.
- Make a list of things you are most thankful for in your life.
- Which season do you like the most? Why?
- You just won \$100,000.00. What will you do with the money?
- Tell about a time when you were kind to someone.
- Write about your favorite song.
- Describe your favorite sport.
- You just found a magic wand, what will you do with it?
- Tell about your favorite food and explain how to prepare it.
- If you had the power to hear a dog or cat speak, what do you think they might say to you?
- What’s your happiest memory? What happened?
- Observe something. Describe what you see!

