

TIPS FOR SUMMER READING

BUILDING READING INTO YOUR FAMILY'S DAILY ROUTINES KEEPS IT FUN FOR EVERYONE! TRY THESE TIPS TO MAKE READING AN EXCITING PART OF YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURES!

1. **CHECK OUT ALL TYPES OF BOOKS.** DEPENDING ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE, HE OR SHE MAY HAVE FOCUSED MAINLY ON A CERTAIN TYPE OR LENGTH OF BOOK DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. BUT, BOOKS OF ALL LENGTHS, GENRES AND TOPICS ARE BENEFICIAL FOR GROWING READING SKILLS AND EXPANDING THE MIND. DON'T OVERLOOK THE GRAPHIC NOVEL SECTION- WORDLESS BOOKS STIMULATE THE IMAGINATION OF ALL AGES, AND POETRY IS AN OFTEN OVER-LOOKED GENRE THAT CAN BE LOTS OF FUN!
2. **ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO BRING BOOKS ALONG ON CAR, TRAIN AND BUS RIDES, EVEN SHORT ONES.** KIDS CAN PACK IN A LOT OF READING SIMPLY BY CRACKING OPEN A BOOK EACH TIME THEY GO FOR EVEN A SHORT TRIP. READING A FEW PAGES ON EACH TRIP TO CAMP, PRACTICE OR THE GROCERY STORE REALLY ADDS UP! AND, OF COURSE IF YOU'RE TRAVELING A LONG DISTANCE, BOOKS CAN HELP PASS THE TIME IN A PRODUCTIVE (AND AND PEACEFUL!) WAY.
3. **ADD BOOKS TO YOUR MEALTIMES.** TRY HAVING A "READING BREAKFAST" OR LUNCH OR DINNER. EACH FAMILY MEMBER BRINGS THEIR OWN BOOK OR MAGAZINE TO READ QUIETLY WHILE THEY EAT. OR FIND A BOOK THAT THE ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD ENJOY AND READ A CHAPTER ALOUD AFTER EACH MEAL. EACH OF THESE STRATEGIES IS EXTRA FUN ON A PICNIC!
4. **TRY AUDIO BOOKS.** AUDIO BOOKS ARE FANTASTIC FOR CAR RIDES, BUT THEY CAN ALSO BE A FUN ADDITION TO MEALTIMES, BEDTIME OR AFTERNOON QUIET TIME. AUDIO BOOKS ARE A GREAT WAY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY A STORY TOGETHER OR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO SPEND SOME TIME ALONE.
5. **SHARE THE LOAD.** SHARED READING IS SIMPLY TAKING TURNS. YOU READ A PAGE OR A CHAPTER ALOUD AND THEN YOUR CHILD READS THE NEXT PAGE OR CHAPTER ALOUD. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO ENCOURAGE NEW OR RELUCTANT READERS.
6. **WATCH THE MOVIE.** AFTER READING A BOOK, WATCHING THE MOVIE CAN BE A FUN TREAT. IT CAN ALSO SPARK CONVERSATION ABOUT SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO.
7. **PRIORITIZE READING OVER SCREEN TIME.** STUDENTS MAY BE LOOKING FORWARD TO EXTRA SCREEN TIME DURING SUMMER VACATION. CONSIDER A POLICY WHERE SCREEN TIME IS ONLY ALLOWED AFTER YOUR STUDENT HAS READ A CERTAIN AMOUNT EACH DAY.

PLEASE FIND A LIST OF RECOMMENDED NOVELS FOR YOUR MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT BELOW. STUDENTS SHOULD READ TO ENJOY AND COME TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL READY TO DISCUSS AT LEAST ONE OF THEM WITH A FRIEND!

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WRINGER BY JERRY SPINELLI

AS PALMER COMES OF AGE, HE MUST EITHER ACCEPT THE VIOLENCE OF BEING A WRINGER AT HIS TOWN'S ANNUAL PIGEON DAY OR FIND THE COURAGE TO OPPOSE IT.

BUCKING THE SARGE BY CHRISTOPHER PAUL CURTIS

DEEPLY INVOLVED IN HIS COLD AND MANIPULATIVE MOTHER'S SHADY BUSINESS DEALINGS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN, FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD LUTHER KEEPS A SENSE OF HUMOR WHILE RUNNING THE HAPPY NEIGHBOR GROUP HOME FOR MEN, ALL THE WHILE DREAMING OF GOING TO COLLEGE AND BECOMING A PHILOSOPHER.

THE CROSSOVER BY KWAME ALEXANDER

"WITH A BOLT OF LIGHTNING ON MY KICKS . . .THE COURT IS SIZZLING. MY SWEAT IS DRIZZLING. STOP ALL THAT QUIVERING. CUZ TONIGHT I'M DELIVERING," ANNOUNCES DREAD-LOCKED, 12-YEAR OLD JOSH BELL. HE AND HIS TWIN BROTHER JORDAN ARE AWESOME ON THE COURT. BUT JOSH HAS MORE THAN BASKETBALL IN HIS BLOOD, HE'S GOT MAD BEATS, TOO, THAT TELL HIS FAMILY'S STORY IN VERSE, IN THIS FAST AND FURIOUS NOVEL OF FAMILY AND BROTHERHOOD.

A TALE DARK AND GRIMM BY ADAM GIDWITZ

HANSEL AND GRETEL WALK OUT OF THEIR OWN STORY AND INTO EIGHT OTHER CLASSIC GRIMM (AND GRIMM-INSPIRED) FAIRY TALES. AN IRREVERENT, WITTY NARRATOR LEADS US THROUGH ENCOUNTERS WITH WITCHES, WARLOCKS, DRAGONS, AND THE DEVIL HIMSELF. AS THE SIBLINGS ROAM A FOREST BRIMMING WITH MENACING FOES, THEY LEARN THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE FAMOUS TALES, AS WELL AS HOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR DESTINIES AND CREATE THEIR OWN HAPPILY EVER AFTER. BECAUSE ONCE UPON A TIME, FAIRY TALES WERE AWESOME.

NINTH WARD BY JEWELL PARKER

IN NEW ORLEANS' NINTH WARD, TWELVE-YEAR-OLD LANESHA, WHO CAN SEE SPIRITS, AND HER ADOPTED GRANDMOTHER HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY AND WEATHER THE STORM AS HURRICANE KATRINA BEARS DOWN UPON THEM.