

Alhuda Academy 2009-2010 Summer Reading



For Students entering grades PreK, Kindergarten, and First Grade

Asalaamu Alaikum from Alhuda Academy. This is our Summer Reading Program. We have used the Worcester Public School system as a guide to create this program for students at Alhuda Academy.

Our intent is to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading for the sake of reading. **Summer reading is required of our students.** The choice of what to read is up to parents and students. Most of our reading list is from the Worcester Public School system list so check to see if the book is Islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books. This paper will help you make the best choices in the most convenient way.

Parents can help!

It is very important to help your child understand summer reading can be both fun and beneficial. Children who have a habit of reading not only learn to be better readers but they also perform better in school and receive higher grades. Every Worcester Public School requires summer reading. **Alhuda Academy holds a higher standard than public school.** Summer reading keeps your child's brain working over the summer. With the right attitude, it can be enjoyable and relaxing.

Tips to help your child enjoy reading:

Set the PACE!

Lead by example. Let your child see YOU reading each day.

Find a PLACE!

Provide a space in your home with lots of different reading materials like books, newspapers, magazines, travel brochures, a dictionary, and/or a thesaurus.

Don't make it HARD!

Find time to read. Share a book with your children. Keep one with you in the car or your purse so that you can read and discuss while you are "out and about".

Get a Library Card!

Buy a new book:

- Barnes and Nobles Bookstore, 541 Lincoln St
- Benjamin Franklin Bookstore, Salem St
- Walden Books Greendale Mall
- Sam's Warehouse or BJs
- Walmart, Target, or Kmart

Borrow a book:

Go to the Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Street Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 799-1655
www.worcpublib.org

Make sure you return borrowed books on time and undamaged!!

Buy a used book:

- Friends of the Library Bookstore, Salem St
- Goodwill, 25 Park Ave
- Salvation Army, 72 Cambridge St

Islamic Books

- www.astrolabe.com
- www.islamicity.com/bazar
- www.dar-us-salam.com
- www.goodwordbooks.com



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Suggested Summer Reading List

For children entering Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1

This list of suggested authors offers a wide range of reading levels from pre-reading (“read to me books”) to beginning reading (“books I can read myself”)



Islamic	try	NonFiction	Fiction/NonFiction	Fiction
<u>My First Arabic Alphabet Book</u> by Siddiqa Juma <u>Animals-A Gift from Allah</u> by Farah Sardar <u>Allah’s Zoo</u> by Goodword Books <u>Ahmed Has to Go Potty</u> by Umm An-Nu’Man <u>More Quran Stories for Kids</u> by Saniyasnain Khan <u>The World of Our Little Friends, the Ants</u> by Harun Yahya <u>Skillful Dam Builders</u> by Harun Yahya <u>The Attic</u> by Uthman Hutchinson	<u>ms/Riddles/Songs</u> Ahlberg, Jane & Allen Bernard Westcott, Nadine Bunting, Eve Calmenson, Stephanie Christelow, Eileen Cole, Joanna Cooper, Kay de Regniers, Beatrice Facklam, Margery Lee, Dennis Martin Jr, Bill Prelutsky, Jack Raffi Silverstein, Shel Simonades, Lorianne Trapani, Iza <u>Nursery Rhymes</u> Alborough, Jez Baker, Keith Bernard Westcott, Nadine de Paola, Tomie Emberly, Barbara Geisel, Theodore (Dr. Suess) Hoberman, Mary Ann Keats, Ezra Jack Lobel, Arnold	<u>Informational Books</u> Aliko Anno, Mitsumasa Arnosky, Jim Baker, Keith Barbieri McGrath, Barbara Barton, Byron Cole, JoAnna Crews, Donald de Paola, Tomie Dorres, Arthur Dotlich, Rebecca Kai Ehlert, Lois Falwell, Catherine Fleming, Denise Gibbons, Gail Heller, Ruth Hoban, Tana House, Hannah Hutchins, Pat	<u>Picture Books</u> Alborough, Jez Asch, Frank Barrett, Judy Barton, Byron Bougeois, Paulette Brett, Jan Bunting, Eve Carle, Eric Christelow, Eileen Cooney, Barbara Crews, Donald deBeer, Hans Ehlert, Lois Fleming, Denise Fox, Mem Henkes, Kevin Hoban, Tana Hutchins, Pat Johnson, Crockett Joose, Barbara Keats, Ezra Jack Krosoczka, Jarrett J.	<u>Chapter Books</u> Brown, Marc Cleary, Beverly Dadey, Debbie and Thorton Jones, Marcia Minarik, Else Holmelund Lobel, Arnold Parish, Peggy Parks, Barbara Paterson, John Osbourne, Mary Pope Roy, Ron Stiles Gannett, Ruth Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman <u>Fairy tales/Folk Tales</u> Brett, Jan Brown, Marcia Dayrell, Elphinstone de Paola, Tomie Harper, Wilhelmenia Kellogg, Steven McDermott, Gerald Mosel, Arlene Polacoo, Patricia Ringgold, Faith Yolen, Jane
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BOOKS: Never leave home without them!

This is what I read during the summer.

Student's Name _____ Entering Grade _____

Summer Reading is a requirement. Fill out the sheet below. Books can be read to your child. Your child can also read them with you or alone. Your child can also draw a picture of his/her favorite part of the book and write a sentence to tell about it.

Title of Book	Author of Book	Parent Signature	Read TO child	Read BY child

Reading Tips (Carry them in a backpack, beach bag, suit case...)

*Supporting Children's Literacy Growth: Tips for Parents**

The following list suggests materials and activities that are important in helping children learn to read and write.

Read daily to or with your child (at least 15 minutes per day).

- Provide an example for your child by reading and writing at a time when your child can see you.
- Reread old favorites as many times as your child asks.
- Have a space at home for books and magazines for your child.
- Share a favorite book from your childhood with your child.
- Picture walk through the book, telling the story from the pictures, before reading the book.
- Read or look at books, magazines, or the newspaper with your child. Talk about what you looked at or read.
- If you can, subscribe to a magazine for your child.
- Visit the library and take out books and magazines to read at home. Get a library card for your child.
- Tell stories together about books, about your family, and about things that you do.
- Talk about written materials you have such as catalogs, advertisements, work-related materials, and mail.
- Point out print in your home such as words on food boxes or recipes, directions on medicine, or instructions on things that require assembly.
- Point out print outside, such as road signs, and the names of stores.
- Visit the post office, supermarket, and zoo. Talk about what you saw. When you get home, draw and write about it with your child.
- Use print to talk to your child. Leave notes for each other. Make lists, such as food lists, lists of errands, and lists for household jobs.

**adapted from the International Reading Association(IRA)*