

Summer Reading Activities

For each of the books you read this summer, choose a different assignment from the choices listed below.

Picnic Lunch

Create a sandwich model of the most important parts of your book.

Use a separate sheet of paper for each sandwich layer or use colored construction paper for each sandwich layer. On the top slice (the top piece of bread) write the title, author, and your name. On the lettuce, write a brief summary of the book (Tell what happened, to whom it happened, and how it ended). Was the person like you or different from you? How so?) On the turkey slice describe the plot (was the main problem the character had and how was it solved?) On the bottom slice (the bottom piece of bread) draw your favorite scene from the story.

Tell me a Story

Write a paragraph telling about the book you read. Include the title, author, main characters, setting, problem and solution.

In the News

Create the front page of a newspaper that tells about events and characters in the book you just read. The title of the newspaper should be something appropriate to the book. In your article, answer the questions: Who, what, where, and when.

Be a set designer

Select an interesting setting from your book. Make a sketch of the setting and create a model of the setting using a shoebox. Design the shoe box as if it is a room from the story. Write a paragraph that tells WHY you chose this setting. You may include characters from the story in your shoebox setting.

Be a star

Using a video camera or webcam, create a script for your favorite part of the book and then, using a video camera or webcam, record yourself and/or others, acting out your favorite part. Be sure you are dressed as your character and try to make the setting similar to the book. At the end, summarize the book and tell why the scene you acted out is your favorite. You may do this with the camera or you may write it on paper.

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. 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!

The library is full of FREE reading opportunities and offers a quiet, air conditioned place to share a book!

Alhuda Academy 2010-2011 Summer Reading



For students entering second and third 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. Please check to see if the book is Islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books.

Summer Reading is a requirement:

- Choose to read any five books
- Complete an activity for each of the five books
- Counts for 10% of first quarter Language Arts grade

You can find books in Worcester!

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 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

Islamic Books

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

Buy a used book:

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

When choosing a book, consider these excellent authors. If you need help, ask your teacher, your librarians, your parents, or your friends.

Islamic Books and Authors

More Quran Stories for Kids by Saniyasnain Khan

First Fast by Uthman Hutchinson (from the Islamic Reading for Children series)

Ibn Batuta- Son of the Might Eagle by Abd-al-Rahman Azzam

Cheng Ho: Admiral of the East by Julia Marshall

Umar and the Bully by Shabana Mir

Tauhid for Children by Noriza Omar

The Attic and Gone Fishing both by Uthman Hutchinson

The World of Our Little Friends, the Ants by Harun Yahya

Title, Author

Agapanthus Hum and Major Bark by Jennifer Plecas

Aloha, Dolores by Barbara Samuels.

Bonaparte by Marsha Wilson Chall

Cam Jansen and the Birthday Mystery by David A. Adler

Cold Feet by Cynthia C. DeFelice

Corduroy at the Zoo by Don Freeman

Everything to Spend the Night from A to Z by Ann Whitford Paul

Farmer Brown Shears His Sheep: A Yarn about Wool by Teri Sloat

Hamster Chase by Anastasia Suen

How To Catch An Elephant by Amy Schwartz

It's Justin Time, Amber Brown by Paula Danziger

Letters and Sounds (Get Set for Kindergarten series) by Rosemary Wells

The Lion and the Mouse and Other Aesop Fables by Doris Orgel

Minnie and Moo Go to Paris by Denys Cazet

Minnie and Moo and the Musk of Zorro by Denys Cazet

Old Thunder and Miss Raney by Sharon Darrow

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson

Ring! Yo? by Chris Raschka

Three Cheers for Catherine the Great! by Cari Best

Willie's Birthday by Anastasia Suen

Yoshi's Feast by Kimiko Kajikawa

Young Classics: Alice in Wonderland by Julie Fior

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble

The Art Lesson by Tomie de Paola

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

If You Were a Writer by Joan Lowery Nixon

Author: A True Story by Helen Lester

Amelia's Road by Linda Jacobs Altman

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

Fudge-A-Mania by Judy Blume

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein