



“LEGO YOUR IMAGINATION:READ!”

June 2017

Dear Parents:

*Research shows that if children practice reading every day, they will become better readers. It will also prevent them from falling up to three months behind their classmates because of the lack of skill practice. **So - Please make sure your child reads this summer!***

Use the attached calendar to record the number of minutes that your child reads each day to complete this year’s Summer Reading Challenge. **If your child reads 800 minutes in the K-2 Primary School or more and 1000 minutes or more in the 3-5 Intermediate School, he or she will win a special “LEGO IMAGINATION” prize.**

If you lose the recording calendar please feel free to use a plain piece of paper to write down the minutes or download one off of the www.jcschools.com website. They will be under the Primary and Intermediate Schools’ tabs.

If your child needs books please go the Family Enrichment Network on Cherry St. **for a free lunch and book borrowing opportunities.** It is open from 11:30 – 12:30 every weekday except for July 4th.

The Book Mobile will be coming to the parks each Wednesday. Not only will it have great books to borrow, but your child can get a free lunch! There will also math activities available on the Book Mobile so that your child can keep practicing his/her math skills. It will be at the HCA from 11:00 – 12:00, CFJ Park from 12:15 – 1:30 and Floral Ave Park 1:45 – 2:45.

Our district has a www.Tumblebooks.com subscription and reading on that website can count towards the challenge. (username: **jces** & password: **books**) and a www.storiaschool.com account students can use the class code and password give to them at school this year. Some other excellent websites are www.storylineonline.net, www.studyzone.com, www.spellingcity.com, and www.starfall.com.

Please call the school with questions at 763 – 1243. Thank you!

Don’t forget to send the complete calendars with your child on the week of September 8th, the first day of school.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Win a "LEGO IMAGINATION!" Prize!

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Read 800 minutes K-2 Primary School

1000 minutes 3-5 Intermediate

(that's approximately 15 minutes a day for)

Name: _____

Grade: _____ New Teacher: _____

Total Minutes Read for July _____

+Total Minutes Read for August + _____

=Total Minutes Read for Summer _____

800, 1,000 or More Minutes =WINNER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

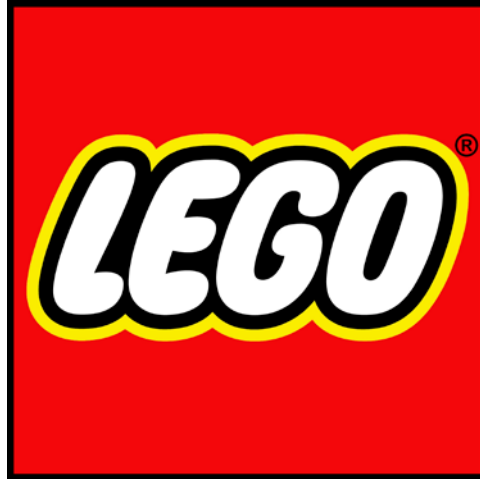
Parent Signature Required _____

I confirm my child read 800 or more minutes! ☺

Return Packet to your New Teacher during the First Week of School in September! Happy Reading!

**Note to parents: Reading over the Summer is one of the Greatest Predictors of Success for Your Child at Their New Grade Level.*

*****All four pages must be returned to your Child's New Teacher the First Week of School.*****



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MONTH of July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Record the Title of the Book and the number of minutes for each day.	June 26 Title _____ # of min. _____	June 27 Title _____ # of min. _____	June 28 Title _____ # of min. _____	June 29 Title _____ # of min. _____	June 30 Title _____ # of min. _____	1 Title _____ # of min. _____
2 Title _____ # of min. _____	3 Title _____ # of min. _____	4 Title _____ # of min. _____	5 Title _____ # of min. _____	6 Title _____ # of min. _____	7 Title _____ # of min. _____	8 Title _____ # of min. _____
9 Title _____ # of min. _____	10 Title _____ # of min. _____	11 Title _____ # of min. _____	12 Title _____ # of min. _____	13 Title _____ # of min. _____	14 Title _____ # of min. _____	15 Title _____ # of min. _____
16 Title _____ # of min. _____	17 Title _____ # of min. _____	18 Title _____ # of min. _____	19 Title _____ # of min. _____	20 Title _____ # of min. _____	21 Title _____ # of min. _____	22 Title _____ # of min. _____
23 Title _____ # of min. _____ 31	24 Title _____ # of min. _____	25 Title _____ # of min. _____	26 Title _____ # of min. _____	27 Title _____ # of min. _____	28 Title _____ # of min. _____	29 Title _____ # of min. _____

Total minutes for the month of July _____ Parent Signature: _____

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MONTH of August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 30 Title _____ # of min. _____	July 31 Title _____ # of min. _____	1 Title _____ # of min. _____	2 Title _____ # of min. _____	3 Title _____ # of min. _____	4 Title _____ # of min. _____	5 Title _____ # of min. _____
6 Title _____ # of min. _____	7 Title _____ # of min. _____	8 Title _____ # of min. _____	9 Title _____ # of min. _____	10 Title _____ # of min. _____	11 Title _____ # of min. _____	12 Title _____ # of min. _____
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27 Title _____ # of min. _____	28 Title _____ # of min. _____	29 Title _____ # of min. _____	30 Title _____ # of min. _____	31 Title _____ # of min. _____	Record the Title of the Book and the number of minutes for each day.	Example: <i>The Cat in the Hat</i> # of min. <u>20</u> Parents may help children with recording the information.

Total minutes for the month of August _____ Parent Signature: _____

The Summer Slide: Summer Learning Loss Facts and Prevention Tips

by Staci Jackson, M.A., CCC-SLP

The last day of school is a time of great excitement when children trade their textbooks, tests, and projects for lazy summer days. It is often a relief for both parents and children to “put school away” for the summer. Unfortunately, many children who don’t engage in learning activities into the summer find they have forgotten things or fall behind their peers once the new school year begins. Summer learning loss or “the summer slide” is the phenomenon that occurs when children forget academic material after taking long breaks from school. Research regarding summer learning loss suggests that:

- On average, students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in math and reading.
- Teachers spend the first four to six weeks of the new school year re-teaching material from the previous year.
- Summer learning loss has a greater impact on low-income students, contributing substantially to the achievement gap in reading between them and their higher income peers.
- Summer learning loss is cumulative; over time it can create a gap of two and up to five years by the time students reach high school.

So, what can you do to prevent the “summer slide”? Parents don’t need to spend lots of money buying specialized programs. Instead, consider these simple ideas to keep your child engaged in learning activities during the summer months.

- Encourage your child to read 20 minutes every day. Public libraries are great resources for summer reading lists by age/grade level, and they often offer reading programs.
- Read to your child to build listening skills, engage the imagination, and increase vocabulary.
- Unplug from technology and give your child time to read and escape the heat of the day.
- Keep books in the car for your child. Listen to audiobooks on long trips.
- Encourage math skills by creating number books of things you collect or do during the summer.
- Practice estimation skills by guessing how far and how long a road trip will be. Have children compute arrival times and miles covered.
- Provide math workbooks with activities to complete on road trips or during quiet times.
- Encourage your child to keep a reading log and calculate the minutes read each week.
- Cook with your child. Have your child follow simple recipes to learn fractions and practice measurement skills.
- Encourage your child to practice writing skills by writing letters to relatives, sending postcards from camp, keeping a summer journal, writing a book, or authoring an online blog.

For more structured summer learning opportunities, check with your child's school or PTA, your local library, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, or the YMCA.

Resources

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/knowledge-center/Pages/Making-Summer-Count-How-Summer-Programs-Can-Boost-Childrens-Learning.aspx>

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/how-to-beat-summer-learning-loss-anne-obrien>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/21/summer-learning-loss-study_n_3391594.html

http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know_the_facts

<https://thinkstretch.com/our-difference/summer-learning-loss/>

<http://www.providenceri.com/mayor/mayor-elorza-announces-summer-learning-task-force>

<http://www.parenting.com/article/stop-summer-learning-loss>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-gail-gross/fun-ways-to-help-prevent-summer-learning-loss_b_5435718.html

<http://www.parentingscience.com/summer-learning-loss.html>