



Summer Reading Tips

Read aloud to your child as often as possible

Students are *never* too old for cuddling up and being read to. Reading aloud will build your child's vocabulary and understanding of story parts. Most of all, read-alouds are *fun!*

Encourage reading for pleasure. Getting your child hooked on a particular author, series, or subject is one good way to get them excited about books. Be sure to praise your child for reading, and be a role model by reading yourself.

Encourage reading for meaning. Invite your child to ask questions if he or she doesn't understand something. Children comprehend more when they think about what they read and they learn to reread things that don't make sense. Also encourage your child to predict what will happen next. Reflecting and predicting keep the reader focused and aids comprehension.

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*The more you read,
the more you know*

*the more you know,
the smarter you grow*

*The smarter you grow,
the stronger your voice*

*when speaking your mind,
or making a choice.*

Author Unknown



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PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*For Students Entering
2nd Grade in September*

2009

Suggested Summer Lists

Portland Public Schools

2009 **Suggested** Summer Reading List
Children Going Into 2nd Grade

Titles

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by
Verna Aardema

The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra
Barracca

Clay Boy by Mirra Ginsberg

Any Fairy Tale or Folktale

Series

Amber Brown by Paula Danziger

Gaskitt by Allan Ahlberg

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo

My Weird School by Dan Gutman

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka

Cam Jansen by David A. Adler

Look for Books by These Authors

Bunting, Eve	Cazet, Denys
Flor,Ada Hurd,	Hurd,Edith Thatcher
Hurwitz, Joanna	Kimmel, Eric
Lobel, Arnold	Peet, Bill
Pilkey, Dav	Pinkney, Jerry
Polocco, Patricia	Prelutsky, Jack
Rockwell, Anne	Scieszka, Jon
Simon, Seymour	Silverstein, Shel
Steig, William	Stevenson, James
Van Allsburg, Chris	Yolen, Jane

Ziefert, Harriet



Summer Reading Programs



Governor's Reading Challenge

Portland Library's 2009
Summer Reading Club...

Be Creative @ Your Library

Summer is just around the corner and
you know what that means...**wild and
wacky reading fun at the Library!**

Our theme this year is **Be Creative!**
And we can't wait to show you what
we have planned!

**Check out the website for
Children's Activities at:**

<http://www.portlandlibraryct.org>



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