



### 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.

## SUMMER READING

*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...

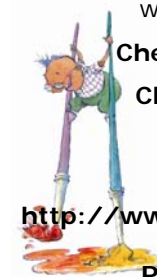
## Be Creative @ Your Library

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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