

Use the
5 Finger Rule
to determine if a book is "just right"



1. Open a book to any page.

2. Start reading the page.

3. Hold up one finger for **EVERY**
word that you don't know or have
trouble pronouncing.

0-1 Fingers
The book is too **EASY**

2-3 Fingers
The book is at the Interest level.

4 Fingers
The book is at the Challenge level.
You can try it ~ be sure it makes sense.

5 Fingers
The book is at the Frustration level and
is not a good choice for now.

Brownstone Intermediate School
Suggested Summer Reading
2009



Dear Families,

Reading, like any other skill, improves with practice. In this booklet you'll find a list of **SUGGESTED** authors and titles for summer reading. Keep in mind however, that your child may read any books that are of interest to him/her. Encourage your child to read a book that he/she can read with fluency and few mistakes. Use the five finger rule at the back of the booklet to help your child select an appropriate book. Summer reading should be *enjoyable!*

Children's magazines are another wonderful source of summer reading material. In addition to books, children may want to check out a magazine like National Geographic Kids, Sports Illustrated for Kids, Nickelodeon, Odyssey, etc. Books on tape or CD are also a great way to enjoy a book while riding in a car. To find these reading materials we encourage you to visit the library, tag sales, a local bookstore, or a friend's bookshelf. And remember, the best way to build a love of reading is to **READ, READ, READ!**

*Brownstone Intermediate School
Library Media Center*

Keep track of all the books you read in your **Governor's Summer Reading Challenge** journal and bring it to school in September for a chance to win some great prizes.

Visit the **Portland Library** for all your summer reading needs!



Summer Reading Tips



Read aloud to your child as often as possible.

Students are *never* too old for this! Reading aloud will build your child's vocabulary and understanding of story parts.

Most of all, read-alouds are ***fun!***

Keep a word log — a "Cool Words Book".

In a small notebook, write words your child finds interesting for any reason. The "Cool Words Book" will promote a love of language.

Get excited about children's magazines and read them together.

Read the articles, work the puzzles, and play the games together. A subscription in your child's name is super, but the library will have many titles that your child can borrow.

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 aid comprehension.

Titles

A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Ghost's Grave by Peg Kehret

Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan

Rules by Cynthia Lord

The Stumptown Kid by Carol Gorman and Ron Finley

Fiction Authors

Sharon Creech

Dan Gutman

Gordon Korman

Ann M. Martin

Louis Sachar



Poetry Authors

Brian P. Cleary

J. Patrick Lewis

Shel Silverstein



Nonfiction Authors

Wallace Edwards

Bill Gutman

Bobbie Kalman

Series

The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes by Anne Mazer

Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

Chet Gecko by Bruce Hale

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Hank Zipzer by Henry Winkler

National Parks Mysteries by Gloria Skurzynski

Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin Van Draanen

The Shadow Children by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The 39 Clues by various authors

The Warriors by Erin Hunter

Many of these titles are available as audio books at the Portland Library.