

First Grade Summer Reading

Summertime is a wonderful time to enjoy reading a variety of books and genres with your child. It's important for kids to learn that reading can be a way to go on an adventure, learn about new topics, discover rhyming words, or even be inspired by illustrations. *Enjoy these special moments by reading with your child every day. You can read to them or they can read to you!* Kids need both their own solo time to look through books or other reading materials and time when fluent readers read to them so they can hear what expression and fluency sounds like. A mix of books that are “easy” (below their level), “just right” (at their level”), and a bit of a stretch (books that need to be read to them because they’re beyond their independent reading) is a great way to enjoy the summer and all of it’s possibilities for reading.

When reading together with your child, you can:

- Pause and talk about the pictures
- Ask your child open ended questions like “What do you think will happen next?” or “Why do you think the boy in the story did that?”
- Don’t worry about correcting every mistake – what’s most important is sounding out words or giving it a try, and helping them get the meaning of what they’re reading.

When your child “reads” on his/her own:

- Sometimes reading to a stuffed animal or pet helps calm worries when kids resist reading to a parent
- Reading to oneself is a good daily practice
- Frequent visits to libraries can keep kids interested in the variety of genres, choices, and styles of books
- Make a cozy spot part of the ritual for reading to oneself

The First Grade Summer Reading “bingo” board can be brought to school at the end of summer. Squares can be colored by reading to your child or when he/she reads independently.

May God’s peace and joy surround your time together this summer. I look forward to celebrating your new beginning in First Grade at Charles Finney School

- Mrs. Potter, First Grade Teacher, The Charles Finney School

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Fill in as many squares as you can to get a full row or column of 5 for “Bingo”. Try to get more than one “Bingo” - Have fun! Bring this with you on the first day of school to show Mrs. Potter and we’ll celebrate your summer reading!

WHO ?	WHAT ?	WHERE ?	WHEN ?	HOW ?
Read with someone who is younger than you	Read a book that a friend recommends	Read at the park	Read while waiting for something or someone	Read in the dark with a flashlight
Read with a relative	Read an old favorite book	Read in your most favorite cozy spot	Read while riding in the car	Read signs while shopping at the store
Read to a pet or a stuffed animal	Read something that is non-fiction	Read by a pond, river, lake, ocean, or pool	Read early in the morning	Read wearing sunglasses or a costume
Read with a friend or a sibling	Read a list of sight words	Read under the stars	Read while on a day trip or vacation	Read aloud in a silly voice
Read to someone who is older than you	Read from a book of poems	Read in another town, city, state, or country	Read while having a picnic	Read while lying on your stomach