



For grades
K-1

The Bookworm

From your
local library
and Idaho's Read
to Me program

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Summer Reading

Repeated studies show that over the summer months most children lose some of the reading gains they made throughout the school year. You can help prevent this set-back!

SIX EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS TO READ THIS SUMMER

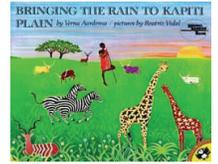
1. Get your child a library card at your local public library. It's **free!** And many libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the district.
2. Encourage your child to read every day. Take advantage of "waiting" time to share books: on trips, at the doctor's office, in line at the grocery store.
3. Check out audiobooks from your library. Listening to books helps children build fluency.
4. Choose a longer chapter book for a family "read aloud" and take turns reading chapters or pages.
5. Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...
6. Sign your child up for this year's summer reading program at your library. When children read what they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers.

One World, Many Stories

This year's summer reading theme is all about people, places, and travel. Many libraries offer summer reading programs, so check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!

Book of the Month

***Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale*, by Verna Aardema**



This is the story of how a cattle herdsman brought much-needed rain to the African Plains. It is a cumulative tale, one that builds upon itself. The rhythm and rhymes have a musical quality that children and adults will enjoy hearing read out loud over and over again.

"One World, Many Stories" to read this summer:

The Legend of the Golden Snail, Graeme Base
Olivia Goes to Venice, Ian Falconer
Dear Juno, Soyung Pak
Angel Child, Dragon Child, Michele Maria Surat
14 Cows for America, Carmen Agra Deedy
Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion, Mo Willems

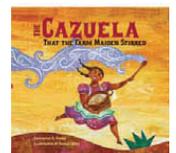
2011 Summer Reading Illustrator:

RAFAEL LOPEZ has been chosen to provide the artwork for the 2011 children's summer reading theme. Look for his artwork in other books, such as:

The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, by Samantha Vamos

Book Fiesta! and *Yum! Mmmm! Que Rico!*: *Americas' Sproutings*, by Pat Mora

My Name Is Celia: The Life Of Celia Cruz / Me Llamo Celia: La Vida De Celia Cruz, by Monica Brown



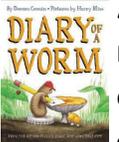
6 Early Literacy Skills

Each month *The Bookworm* has featured one of the 6 early literacy skills that help your child become a reader:

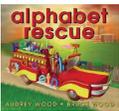


Print Motivation (loving books): Find books that match your child's interests and share them often.

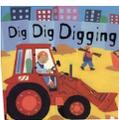
Encourage her to write notes and e-mails, or ask her to write a caption on her artwork.



Print Awareness (using books): As you read with your child ask him to point out the front and back covers, title, author, and illustrator. Have him point to the beginning and ending of a sentence, as well as punctuation such as periods and question marks.



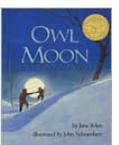
Letter Knowledge (ABC's): Point out letters and have your child name them. Play games like "I Spy" to help him learn the sounds that go with the letters. Make an alphabet book with your child.



Vocabulary (words): Talk with your child about what is going on in the story, teach her the meaning of new words, and ask her lots of questions about her world. Build words by reading information books together.



Phonological Awareness (sounds): Sing songs, play games, and share rhymes to help your child hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Ask if two words rhyme, or clap syllables in words. Listen for words that have the same beginning or ending sound.



Narrative Skills (storytelling): Tell stories together and encourage pretend play. Help your child learn order: beginning, middle, ending. Ask him to re-tell or act out the story. Have him tell you about a picture he drew, or ask what is happening in the pictures of a book.

Song

My Aunt Came Back

This is an "echo" song for 2 or more people...

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| 1) My aunt came back
(My aunt came back)
From old Japan,
(From old Japan,)
And she brought with her
(And she brought with her)
A big hand fan.
(A big hand fan.) | 5) My aunt came back
From the New York Fair,
And she brought with her
A rocking chair. |
| (Continue with echo for each line) | 6) My aunt came back
From Kalamazoo,
And she brought with her
Some gum to chew. |
| 2) My aunt came back
From old Algiers,
And she brought with her
A pair of shears. | 7) My aunt came back
From Timbuktu,
And she brought with her
Some clowns like you! |

3) My aunt came back
From Holland, too,
And she brought with her
A wooden shoe.

4) My aunt came back
From Niagara Falls,
And she brought with her
A ping-pong ball.

You can hear this song on the CD, *Wee Sing: The Best of Wee Sing*



What your library can do for you...

Did your child like the books he/she received this year? How can we make the *Read to Me First Book* program better? Be sure to fill out your **First Book Parent Survey** and return it to your child's teacher or local librarian!

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