

June 22, 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Summer reading is very important in developing life-long reading habits, in maintaining literacy skills, and in promoting reading for pleasure. Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading, and read for enjoyment.

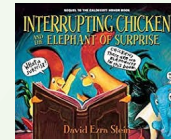
Here is how you can help your child reduce summer reading loss.



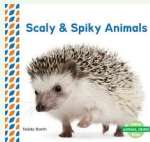
Make reading important.

Set aside time to read every day.

Give your child the power of choice.



During the summer, encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day.



Having materials available is key to helping children love to read.

All reading list titles can be accessed on the Grand Rapids Public School Sora Link www.soraapp.com or download the Sora app in your app store. On the bottom of the screen click "I have a setup code". Type in: GRPSMI, then login with student's school user name and password. Then just click the Explore button to find a book.

Additional titles can be accessed at your local Grand Rapids Public Library branch. www.grpl.org.

Talking about books before, during and after reading helps to improve comprehension. Encourage your child to share ideas and opinions by asking questions.

Students who sign up for the Grand Rapids Public Library's Summer Reading program and meet their reading goals will receive a small prize from the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!



Elementary Grades K - 3

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE
Spork	Kyo Maclear	NP
Red is a Dragon	Roseanne Thong	NP
You Hold Me Up	Monique Gray Smith	140
Cardboard Kingdom	Chad Sell	150
The Boy Who Crashed to Earth	Judd Winick	220
Love	Julie Murray	240
Scaly & Spiky Animals	Teddy Borth	260
Dino Football	Lisa Wheeler	280
Tigers	Leo Statts	350
I Don't Want To Be A Frog	Dev Petty	380



Elementary Grades 4-5

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE
White Bird	R. J. Palacio	440
Rabbit Listens	Cori Doerrfeld	450
Swing it, Sunny	Jennifer L. Holm	480
The People Could Fly	Virginia Hamilton	480
The Proudest Blue	Ibtihaj Muhammad S.K. Ali	500
Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters	Andrea Beaty	520
The Book of Mistakes	Corrina Luyken	520
Caterpillar Summer	Gillian McDunn	540
Help the Honey Bees	Grace Hansen	540
Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'o	580

Middle School Grades 6 - 8

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE
Amal Unbound	Aisha Saeed	600
Blended	Sharon Draper	610
Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls	Roseanne Thong	630
Front Desk	Kelly Yang	640
A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramée	720
The 47 People You'll Meet In Middle School	Kristin Mahoney	740
Legacy	Shannon Messenger	890



High School Grades 9 - 12

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE
Iron Heart	Brian Boyle	900
Hope Nation	Bill Katovsky	940
50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World	Angie Thomas, Jason Reynolds, Nicola Yoon & Marie Lu	990
Just Mercy	Rachel Ignatofsky	1040
Master of Deceit	Bryan Stevenson	1090
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Marc Aronson	1140
Rats	Rebecca Skloot	1230
The Souls of Black Folk	Robert Sullivan	1280
The Code Book for Young People	W.E.B. Du Bois	1310

