

2016 Foxborough Public Schools Entering Grade 3 Summer Reading

On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

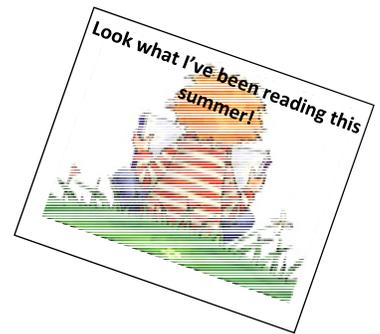
Summer is here and many students are looking forward to a break from schoolwork, but summer is not a time to take a break from reading! The summer months present a great opportunity to extend and enrich your student's reading experiences. Elementary students should read, or be to read to everyday. **Research tells us that when students don't read for two months their skills regress.** Reading even 4 or 5 books over the summer helps to prevent the summer slide. Summer reading helps students of all ages keep their skills sharp so they are ready when school begins again in the fall.

Attached, you will find a list of popular grade level titles to assist with book selection, a reading log to help your child keep track of his or her summer reading (or you may use the log that is available as part of the Boyden Library's summer reading program) and a postcard. After your child has read a few books of his/her choice this summer, have him or her complete the attached postcard by selecting **one** of the following:

- Draw a picture or write about your favorite part
- Tell a friend to read or NOT read this book because...
- This book reminds me of ...
- Or, be creative and come up with your own response!

Then return the postcard to your child's school by either mailing it, dropping it off at the main office, or returning it when school starts in September.

Postcards will be on display in September to celebrate all of our summer readers and all students who return a post card and/or reading log will receive a certificate of achievement.



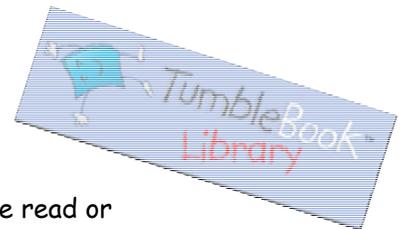
We have included a copy of the Boyden Library's summer activities calendar. There are a variety of fun filled activities planned at the Boyden including some special guest readers, so please take a look as you won't want to miss taking advantage of these free programs! Also, don't forget to take advantage of the

TumbleBook Library®. It is a library of animated, talking picture books that can be read or

read to you. It is accessed through the library's website and **with your library card you**

get free access! The Boyden also has many **PLAYAWAY® Audio Books** available for loan. A

PLAYAWAY® is a small device that is preloaded with books. It is a simple way to listen to a book on the go and the novelty of it may just be what you need to keep your child reading this summer.



Looking for something fun to do as a family this summer?

Check out one of the **StoryWalks®** that have been set up at each of the elementary schools. **What is a StoryWalk®?** It combines the activity of walking with reading a book. It is a great outside family activity that involves everyone in the reading! StoryWalks will be set up at each school from July 4th through August 26th. Titles will be changed every two weeks. Burrell School's StoryWalk® will be located along the nature walk on the right side of the school. The Igo and Taylor School StoryWalks® will be setup near the playgrounds. So please take time to visit each **StoryWalk®** and let us know what you think. Remember to add the titles read on the **StoryWalk®** to your summer reading log, too! Thank you to all three elementary PTOs for sponsoring the StoryWalks® at their schools.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and read, read, read!

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2016 Summer Reading Program & Special Events

The Boyden Library Children's Department
10 Bird Street 508-543-1246 www.boydenlibrary.org

- Boyden Library's **summer reading program** will run from June 27 - August 6. Registration begins June 20 in the Children's Department. The program is mostly enjoyed by independent readers up to age 12 and pre-readers as young as 2.
- Everyone will receive a reading log upon registration or can choose to use the log that comes with your school summer reading package. Use your log to keep track of your reading progress. The library encourages you to read at least 20 minutes per day. Then each week beginning June 27, show the library staff how much you've read and receive a great prize. In addition, the **Friends of the Boyden Library*** will sponsor free events over the summer. Register where noted. You can register online by going to www.boydenlibrary.org. Click on "Meeting Rooms." Click on "View Event Schedule." Find program by date and click on "Register." You can also call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246.

SUMMER EVENTS:

A Family Evening Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley- Wednesday-June 22 at 7:00 p.m. – ages pre-k- 6. Register beginning June 8. Sing and dance in your pajama pants! Wear your PJs and get ready to hop and dance. (Children 2 and younger must be seated in an adult's lap). Community Meeting Room.

What can you learn from a Degu? Ani-Motion by Animal World Experience- June 23 at 2:00 p.m.- ages 5 & older. Register beginning June 9. Learn how animals keep themselves fit and healthy. Whether it's digging like a degu, eating healthy like a tortoise, or soaking up sunshine like a lizard. We have a lot to learn from our wildest friends! Community Meeting Room.

Family Evening Story Time - Tuesdays, June 28- August 2 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 3-6. No Registration. Wear your pjs, bring a stuffed animal and share fun stories, interactive activities, thinking games, and more. Story & Craft Room.

Story Time – Wednesdays, June 29-August 3 at 1:30 p.m. Ages 3-6- No Registration. Join us for fun stories, interactive activities, thinking games, and more. Story & Craft Room.

Mother Goose on the Loose- Thursdays, June 30 -August 4 at 11:00 a.m. Ages 0-3. No Registration. Get little ones ready to read and learn. Children must be attended by a grown-up who will guide them through the activities. Story & Craft Room. MGOL will not be held on Teddy Bear Picnic Day. Hope to see you at the Picnic!
(over for more!)

Yoga with Sara – Monday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 6-9. Register beginning June 27. Sara Gottfried will create an energizing environment through the use of games, creative sequences, and music. Kids will learn poses and breathing techniques, allowing the connection between mind and body to flourish. Story & Craft Room.

The Teddy Bear Picnic - Thursday, July 14 (rain date July 21) at 10:00 a.m. on Foxboro Common. All Ages. Bring your best bear, a blanket, and a morning snack and enjoy music by our friend Miss Tina Stone. To jump start our Holiday Discretionary Fund Book Drive, participants are invited to contribute a **new** children's book. For public safety reasons, please leave pets at home. Registration is not required.

Principals! Elementary School Students- Your favorite school principal will be here this summer to read a story and say hello. Mrs. McCarthy from the Burrell School will be here on Monday, July 18. Reading dates for Mr. Stanton from the Igo School and Mr. Regan from the Taylor School will be announced. Watch our website or Facebook page for updates. Registration is not required. We'll meet in the Story & Craft Room. All will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Swords Through the Ages! – Wednesday, July 27 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 8 & older. Register beginning July 13. An amazing demonstration by sword experts Jeff Goodhind and Jeff Lord from the Association for Renaissance & Medieval Swordsmanship. Learn about different types of swords in history and different sword-play techniques. You might even get to try your hand at (blunt) sword combat. Community Meeting Room.

Yoga for Little Ones- Monday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5. Register beginning July 18. Everyone breath and relax! Children's Yoga Instructor Kristin Mulligan will show kids basic yoga poses and techniques. Story & Craft Room.

Mrs. Dow's Summer Art Cart – Thursday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. Ages 5-9. Register beginning July 21. Join Mrs. Dow for a fun summer story and a craft made from recycled materials. Story & Craft Room.

Harry Potter Trivia Work-Out – Tuesday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. Ages 8-12. Register beginning July 26. Ahern School Librarian Mr. Rossetti will test your trivia knowledge of all things Harry Potter and present other Harry Potter-related activities. Story & Craft Room

Reading Olympics with Jungle Jim – Thursday, August 11 at 1:30 pm. Ages 3-11 Register beginning July 28. This program features balloon magic and artistry with audience participation. Jungle Jim is a wildly popular entertainer wherever he goes! This will be fun! Community Meeting Room.

For additions to our summer events calendar, please visit www.boydenlibrary.org and click on Meeting Rooms. Updates will also appear on the library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BoydenLibrary.

"On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins. Special thanks go to The Friends of the Boyden Library for our great summer events and reading incentives.

2016 Foxborough Public Schools Grade 3 Suggested Summer

Favorite Book Series

(fiction and non-fiction)

Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline
The Littles by John Peterson
Mr. Putter and Tabby, Poppleton, The
Cobblestreet Cousins by Cynthia Rylant
Magic Tree House Mary Pope Osborne
A to Z Mysteries Ron Roy
Calendar Mysteries by Ron Roy
Zach Files Dan Greenburg
Marvin Redpost Louis Sachar
Horrible Harry Suzy Kline
Junie B. Jones Barbara Parks
Jigsaw Jones Mysteries James Preller
Nate the Gate Marjorie Sharmat
Who Was By Jim O'Connor and Joan Holub
I am ... by Grace Norwich
I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
The Weird School by Dan Gutman
The Field Trip Mysteries by Steve Brezenoff
39 Clues by Riordan
Dragon Masters Series by Tracy West
Origami Yoda Files by Tom Angleberger
Field Trip Mysteries Series by Steve Brezenoff
The Light House Family Series by Cynthia Rylant
The Imaginary Veterinary Series by Suzanne
Selfors
Dragon Masters Series by Jacqueline West
Lulu Series by Judith Viorst
Bad Kitty Series by Nick Bruel

Aesop's Fables By

Jack Kent
Tom Paxton
Louis Untermeyer

Non-Fiction Authors

Franklyn M. Branley
Ingri D' Aulaire
Gail Gibbons
Ruth Heller
Joanna Cole
Rachel Koestler
Carole Ann Camp
Alike
Seymour Simon

Poetry

A.A. Milne
David McCord
John Ciardi
Shel Silverstein
Jack Prelutsky
A New Treasury of Children's Poetry Joanna
Cole
A Merry-Mouse Book of Favorite Poems Priscilla
Hillman
Hey Bug and Other Poems About Little Things
Elizabeth Itse

Web Sites

<http://www.starfall.com/>

* Beginning readers can try the alphabet games and stories at this web site.

<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/ReadingBrain/ReadingBrain.html>

* **Mad-Libs** to fill in, and web-books and comic books to read on-line

<http://www.nif.org/readingplanet/>

* **Reading Is Fundamental** is a website where you can write stories with other kids around the country, listen to and read along with stories and songs, draw like your favorite illustrator, and browse book lists to find a good book.

http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp

***Tumblebooks** are animated storybooks for younger readers. This website also has audio books, puzzles, and games for children to play as well.

Foxborough Public Schools
Summer Reading Log
Grade 3

Student's Name _____

	Title of Book	Author/Illustrator	Date completed	Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials
1					
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