



ANCHORAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
SUMMER
READING



It's hard to believe the summer sun is upon us. Soon our Anchors will be trading in their backpacks for beach towels and diving into all that summer has to offer them. As you are busy planning summer trips and activities, we wanted to put **Summer Reading** on your short list, as well. Is there anything better than a sunny space, warm breeze, and a good book to get lost in as you forget the time, the day, and even the ground beneath you?

Successful reading experiences are an important aspect of summer reading that help develop reading confidence and competence. At the heart of a successful reading experience are three things: high-interest books, time and space to read, and a family member willing to have literacy conversations alongside them. Whether students are reading a book, magazine or even a restaurant menu, the expectation for summer reading is that **ALL Anchors read daily**.

Research shows that students who do not read over the summer are at risk of losing up to three months of reading progress. This loss is cumulative and has lasting effects. Time spent reading real text is the best predictor of reading achievement – **the more students read, the better readers they become**. At APS we design summer reading that is engaging, easy to access, and will enhance the partnership between school and families. These opportunities will nurture students as readers for enjoyment and encourage students to read quality text.

Goals of Summer Reading at Anchorage Public Schools

- To provide enticing reading opportunities for students and families
- To encourage positive interactions with books
- To foster students' love of reading
- To engage students in quality reading
- To provide choice surrounding what students read
- To enhance the partnership of school and families

We know your Anchors' reading experiences will be vast and varied this summer. We are already looking forward to the powerful literacy conversations that will happen upon our return in the fall!

Ms. Bowman, our librarian, has curated a list of recommended books for those who might be looking for direction in selecting a title to kick off their summer reading.

Primary (K - 2)



Intermediate (3 - 5)



Middle (6 - 8)



For those looking for more ways to enjoy summer reading, we are happy to connect you with opportunities provided by the Louisville Free Public Library, Barnes and Noble and Scholastic through the following links:

LFPL Program



Barnes and Noble



Scholastic Summer Reading



Students will have several ways to showcase their summer reading progress this fall.

Flip Grid

All students will use Flip Grid to record the title and author of a book they read over the summer as well as what they enjoyed most about the book.

Class Discussions

On the first day of school, classrooms will come alive as students practice their speaking and listening skills as they discuss the topic, "What I Read this Summer."

Book Stack

Students will be invited to submit an image of themselves with the stack of books they read this summer or to create a digital book stack and submit that document.



**A Celebration of Elementary School
Readers @ Calypso Cove**

Saturday, August 21, 2021

**Celebrating our Middle School Readers
With a Food Truck Visit**

Friday, August 20, 2021