



# Families are Important!

Be a reading family and commit  
to summer reading!

The research says: "Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child's reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs" (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent: when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

Our goal is to keep students reading year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop the summer learning slide.

## Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

### Reading Rockets

[www.readingrockets.org/article/391](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/391)

### ReadWriteThink

[www.readwritethink.org/  
parent-afterschool-resources](http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources)

**Guys Read** • [www.guysread.com](http://www.guysread.com)

**StoryLine On-Line** • [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

**Discovery Kids** • [www.discoverykids.com](http://www.discoverykids.com)

**Starfall** • [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

**Kids Read** • [www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

**EEK!** • <http://dnr.wi.gov/EEK>

# Third Grade

*Armstrong : The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon* by Torben Kuhlmann

*Austin Lost in America: A Geography Adventure*  
by Jef Czekaj

*Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World*  
by Margi Preus

*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon

*Eight Dolphins of Katrina: A True Tale of Survival*  
by Janet Wyman Coleman

*Fifty Cents and A Dream: Young Booker T. Washington*  
by Jabari Asim

*Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina

*Little Robot* by Ban Hatke

*Lulu and the Brontosaurus* by Judith Viorst

*Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* by Brian Floca

*Tales from Deckawoo Drive (Books 1,2, 3)*  
by Kate DiCamillo

*Weekends with Max and His Dad*  
by Linda Urban



**The titles on this list are suggestions, and other books may be substituted.  
Ask your librarian for recommendations.**

# Fourth Grade

*Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsu Story*  
by S.D. Nelson

*Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo

*Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman

*Just My Luck* by Cammie McGovern

*Ophelia and The Marvelous Boy*  
by Karen Foxlee

*Seeds of Change* by Jen Cullerton Johnson

*Stormstruck* by John MacFarlane

*The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York*  
by Goeff Rodkey

*The World According to Humphrey*  
by Betty Birney

*The Year of the Book*  
by Andrea Cheng

*Unusual Chickens for Exceptional Poultry Farmers*  
by Kelly Jones and Katie Kath

*Who Built That? Bridges: An Introduction to Ten Great Bridges and Their Designers*  
by Didier Cornille

*Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*  
by Chris Barton