

Summer Reading

Tips from your School Liaison

Did you know that some students can fall behind about 2-3 months in reading during the summer which overtime accounts for significant achievement gaps in learning? Here are some ways to keep your child(ren) reading over summer while creating a life-long love of literacy and learning:

1. Head to your local library. The Colts Neck Branch of the Monmouth County library is located at 2 Veterans Way in Colts Neck. Join in on one or more of their FREE summer activities, special events, Family Story times or participate in their Summer Reading Challenge (they have different choices from birth-adult). Visit [here](#) to learn more about and register for the summer reading challenges “Unearth a Story.” While you are at the library you can apply for a library card so you can borrow books throughout the summer. You just need to bring your driver’s license and military identification.
2. Allow children to select books and other reading materials that they want to read. When they are enjoying what they are reading it increases comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development.
3. Use a six-sided cube and label each side with a question. Play a game so everyone can talk about what they are reading. When you roll the die answer the question that corresponds with the number that you rolled. Some questions might include:
 1. Who are the main characters or your favorite characters?
 2. Where and when does the story take place?
 3. What is your favorite part?
 4. Do you have any questions about your book?
 5. Tell me about your story.
 6. What is a new word that you learned and what does it mean?

4. Participate in the Second Lady of the United States 2026 Summer Reading Challenge for children in Grades K-8. Click [here](#) for details.
5. Grab a great book, go to the beach or find a favorite spot in the shade, and spend time reading together. When children see adults reading it encourages them to read as well.
6. Read everything and have conversations about it. Visit the grocery store and talk about the labels, at a restaurant read the menu together, take a walk and read street names and signs, and when you are home have a detective hunt and look for words, pictures, and letters.
7. Don't forget to visit the Little Library at the Fleet and Family Support Center, the Little Library outside of the SAC Center or the Book Nook at the food bank and pick up a great book!

If you would like a list of some age-appropriate or leveled book titles that might interest your child(ren), please contact the SL and I would be happy to provide some suggestions.

Have a safe summer and Happy Reading!!!

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