

# Make Reading a Summer Goal!



During the school year, children are given many opportunities to handle, read, and listen to books. This reading practice helps to build confident and successful readers. Research supports the fact that in grades one through six, the achievement gap may be compounded to as much as a year and a half of reading development lost over the summer months. In an effort to prevent such a loss, grade-level teams have worked to develop plans to encourage Houston County students to participate in summer reading. We believe when students have a choice in their reading, they are much more likely to read for pleasure and to discover the joy of reading. Over the summer, please make sure that your child is given plenty of reading opportunities. Remember that reading is an ongoing process and that beginning readers need lots of practice.

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to encourage students to make reading a part of each day. Some students have become fluent readers and will be able to read books on their own. Other students are developing their reading skills and still need some assistance. Either way, your child will certainly benefit from the time spent reading.

Attached are some favorite titles to assist your child in selecting books. As your child reads over the summer, please remind him/her to complete the attached sheet and return it at the beginning of the school year. The minutes read will also count for the public library's summer program. You will find our lists posted there. This is only a suggested list, and we hope your child will find time to dive into many good books over the summer vacation.

## **Recommended websites include:**

[www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov)

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

[www.Scholastic.com](http://www.Scholastic.com)

[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)

You may also visit a public library near you. <http://houpl.org/>