**Family Reading Challenge**

**Children are made readers in the laps of their parents.**

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- **Home**: Library with books for your child and we'll help you start building a reading culture.

- **School**: Where they let off when students return to school ahead of 3 months of growth.

- **When students do not read consistently**

- **Summer Slide**

**How can I Strengthen the Reading Culture at Home?**

1. Set aside time each day.
2. Make it fun.
3. Give kids lots of choices.
4. Take family trips to the library.
5. Replace video games with books.
7. Let your kids see you read.
8. Avoid using bribes and rewards.

**Effects of the Summer Slide**

- Summer 1
- Summer 2
- Summer 3
- Summer 4
- Summer 5
- Summer 6

**Reading Level by Grade**

- PreK
- K
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th

**Contact one of the following people**

- Ryan Westenkowski - Principal
- Tracey Perdue - Title I Teacher
- Ellen Laster - Librarian
- Penny Hall - Reading Specialist
What Research Says

The Family Reading Challenge is more than just an invitation to read as a family; it is a challenge to make our homes literacy-rich environments where young readers can thrive!

Research says...

1. A steady stream of new, age-appropriate books can triple a child’s interest in reading within months.
2. Teaching kids to LOVE BOOKS is more effective than teaching any other reading skill.
3. When kids are read to at least three times per week, they are twice as likely to become successful readers.

Children can develop literacy skills at an early age, putting them on track for success in school.

A good book read-aloud will capture the imagination of almost any child.

How to Do It

“Kids not only need to read a lot but they need lots of books they can read right at their fingertips.”
– Richard Allington

1. ACCESS TO GOOD BOOKS
   - Build a home library.
   - Make frequent library visits.

2. JOYFUL READING
   - Let children choose what to read.
   - Select new books regularly.
   - Expose kids to a wide variety.

3. EARLY & OFTEN
   - Help babies learn how to hold books and turn pages.
   - Read to kids so that they hear fluent language and new words.
   - Establish daily rituals.
   - Remember: It’s never too late!