

Help Hamilton Elementary beat the “Summer Slide” by reading all summer long!!

Hamilton Elementary School has joined the Scholastic Summer Challenge!! It is a **free** online reading program that you can use to track your reading minutes all summer!! You can earn digital rewards, access fun videos and more through the Scholastic website.

For more information about the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge visit digital.scholastic.com

Use the attached login information for your student to begin tracking minutes!! You can start today and log minutes through Friday, September 6th!

Prizes

Students who read **800 or more minutes** will receive a *certificate* for a **FREE BOOK** at the first Hamilton Bookstore of the year.

They will be invited to a *fun in-school reward activity!*

In addition, all students who read for 800 minutes or more will be *entered into a drawing to receive a free Kindle!*

Try to set a goal of reading 10-15 minutes per day. Kindergarten students going into first grade may have books read to them. All other students should be reading to an adult.

The final day to log in minutes is **Friday, September 6th.**

You have worked so hard this year, keep it up!!

If you do not have internet access, contact your child’s teacher for a paper reading log.

Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research from Reading is Fundamental, students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means two months of school goes down the drain!! You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something every day, whether it's a book, recipe or menu. Every word counts!!

Here's to making this a summer of reading!!

Recommended Authors:

Grades K-2

Margaret Wise Brown
Eric Carle
Leo Lionni
Mary Pope Osborn
Dr. Seuss
Sandra Boynton
Barbara Park
Donald Crews
Lois Ehlert
Bill Martin, Jr.
Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Tomie DePaolo
Steven Kellogg
Maurice Sendak
Jane Yolen

Grade 3 & 4

Sharon Creech
Louis Sachar
Lemony Snicket
Shel Silverstein
Jeff Kinney
RJ Palacio
Lois Lowry
Jack Prelutsky
Madeline L'Engle
Beverly Cleary
Patricia Polacco
EB White
Roald Dahl
Chris Van Allsburg
Judy Blume
Jean Fritz

Here are some great websites to read books online:

1. Storyline Online - celebrities read aloud favorite children's books:
<http://www.storylineonline.net>
2. International Children's Library - a large collection of stories from around the world: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>
3. Storynory - a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online:
<http://storynory.com>
4. PBS Kids - fun, animated stories perfect for reading along:
<http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/>

Also, visit our local public library to borrow books to read this summer!!