



# Keeping Your Child Growing as a Reader Over the Summer

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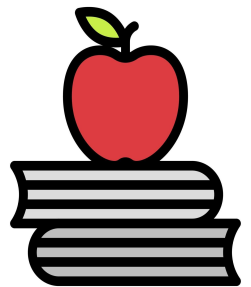
# Why is Summer Reading Important?

- Reading daily is very important for **ALL** children to strengthen their vocabulary, fluency, reading comprehension and build their background knowledge.
- Research shows that up to **TWO** months of reading skills can be lost over the summer.
- It is recommended that students read every day since they are not getting the same daily access to text as they would when school is open.
- Spending **TWO** to **THREE** hours per week reading and practicing literacy skills during the summer can help students avoid the “summer slide” and increase academic achievement.



# Tips for Families and Guardians

- **Model Positive Reading Habits:**
  - Let your children see you reading for pleasure.
  - Share your favorite book to read. Tell them why you like the book.
  - Take a trip to the bookstore or to the local library together.
  - Encourage older children to read to younger children.
- **Talk About Books:**
  - At dinner, or other informal times, ask your children about the stories they are reading.
  - Use reading questions to have deeper conversations about books.
- **Provide books aligned to your child's interests:**
  - Notice what they are MOST interested in and provide more reading materials related to that topic.
  - Ask your child's teacher or the librarian for book suggestions.



# Tips for Families & Guardians

- Maintain a reading routine:
  - Read books together.
  - Listen to audiobooks while in the car or on public transportation.
  - Sing songs together as you get ready.
  - Maintaining any shared literacy will help your child continue to grow as a reader.
- Try cooking together as an opportunity to promote reading.
- Write to a friend or a family member together.
- Make the **MOST** of screen time. Turn on the captions to read while watching.



# Tips for K-2

- **Read aloud to each other:**
  - Read books together.
  - Let your child read aloud to you.
  - Practice the names of letters and the sounds each letter makes.
  - Practice the sounds in words with your child.
- **Create a Reading Environment in Your Home:**
  - Set up comfortable space in your home for reading.
  - Have reading materials such as books, magazines, and newspapers throughout your home.
  - Create a special place for your children to keep their books in the home.





# Tips for 3-5

- Read your child's favorite stories aloud.
- As your child reads aloud to you, if their reading sounds choppy, practice the page(s) several times.
- Find materials to read aloud wherever you go, such as: menus, advertisements, brochures, street and store signs, bus and subway maps, catalogs that come in the mail, free newspapers, etc.



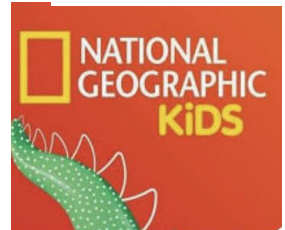
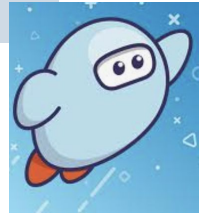
# Tips for 6-8

- Consider starting a book club with your child.
- Read aloud an instruction manual, or ask your child to read it aloud to you, as you put together a new item in your home.
- Read aloud interesting articles from newspapers, magazines, or online sites. “Listen to this, the mayor thinks we should...”



# Locating & Accessing Text Online

- **Citywide Digital Library - SORA**
  - Students can access free ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines using their NYCPS account.
- **Brooklyn Public Library**
  - All NYC residents can access free ebooks and other resources using a library card. Students and families can apply for a free card through the [bklynlibrary.org](http://bklynlibrary.org) website. You can also access books and other resources through Cloud Library.
- **National Geographic Kids**
  - Free access to nonfiction articles on science and social studies topics is available through National Geographic Magazine for Kids.
- **Newsela**
  - Students can access a variety of articles on current events, history, art, culture, and science, as well as some fiction. If your child doesn't already have access through school, their guardian can set up a free account.
- **Sports Illustrated Kids**
  - Free access to sports-themed articles from Sports Illustrated for Kids is available.





# Additional Resources

## [Reading 101: A guide for Parents-Reading Rockets](#)

Provides ways to help children grow as readers, writers, and learners

## [Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home](#)

Provides easy-to-follow instructions to help your child practice foundational reading skills

## [A New Model for Teaching High-Frequency Words- Reading Rockets](#)

Learn how to “rethink” teaching of high-frequency words

## [Let's Learn- Thirteen\\*PBS](#)

## [Sesame Street](#)

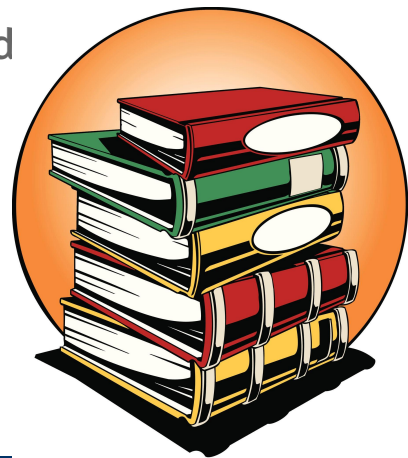
Provides games and story books to help keep curious, confident, and excited to explore more.

## [Reading Tip Sheet for Parents Pre-K thru Grade 3](#)

Provides tips for parents available in 13 languages

## [Read Aloud Routines](#)

Provides a routine for families to follow with their child (available in Spanish)



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Any Questions?

