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Dear Parents,

Your child has worked diligently during this school year, acquiring new knowledge and skills! Were you aware research* shows that students who do not read over summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level? That means the equivalent of up to two months' worth of progress gained this school year being lost by the end of summer – flushed right down the drain, so to speak. Yikes!



You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read at least 20 minutes every day throughout the summer. Encourage your child to try to read something every day, whether it's a book, recipe, magazine, travel brochure, or a menu. *Every word counts!* According to research, a child who reads just 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade, whereas a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words – what a HUGE difference! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program to provide motivation.

At Bethlehem, we want to equip you with ideas and information in order to prevent the summer slide!

- See the [list of summer reading programs](#) that are offered across the Denver-Metro area to help your child become a better reader.
- Use the [book suggestion list](#) for choosing new books to read this summer.
- Visit [reading websites list](#) to keep your child reading over the summer.
- Check out [fun reading incentives like "Broncos Bookworm"](#) to keep your child reading.
- Bethlehem will once again offer the [Summer Accelerated Reader Challenge!](#)
 - *1st through 8th graders are eligible to take AR tests on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Be sure to sign up ahead of time [here!](#)*
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4fabad2ba46-summer>
 - *And remember, we have some awesome rewards!*

Have a happy and safe summer, and be sure to **read, read,** and **read** some more!

God's Blessings,

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* https://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref_Keeping_Kids_Off/

* <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/summerslide>

10 Free Learning Websites for Kids

Check out this list of fun, educational, and safe websites your child can visit during the summer to help prevent the summer slide.

10 FREE, FUN, AND SAFE LEARNING WEBSITES FOR KIDS	
http://www.switchzoo.com/ Watch, explore, and play games with animals.	https://www.funbrain.com/ Practice your reading and math skills while playing games.
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/ Learn about geography and go places around the world.	https://reading.ecb.org/ <i>Into the Book</i> takes you into books through games and activities.
http://www.starfall.com/ Practice your phonics skills.	http://www.storylineonline.net/ Have stories read to you by your favorite movie stars.
http://www.seussville.com/ Read and play games with Dr. Seuss.	http://www.abcya.com/ Play games while reviewing all skills at your grade level.
https://www.highlightskids.com/ Read and do super cool science experiments.	http://www.mightybook.com/ Books are read aloud; enjoy games and activities.
PARENT RESOURCE WEBSITES	
http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-raise-reader/8-book-series-to-take-your-reader-time-traveling-adventures Book Suggestions	https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/scholastic/summerReadingChallenge/pdfs/printables/src_2018_booklist_english_allages.pdf Scholastic Book Suggestions for all ages

Summer Reading Challenge!

What to Read	How to Read
<input type="checkbox"/> Read an eBook	<input type="checkbox"/> Read with a flashlight
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a comic book	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a mystery	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a sibling
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a recipe	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a pet
<input type="checkbox"/> Read poetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Read outside
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a “how-to” book	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a grandparent
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a joke book	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in the bathtub
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a chapter book	<input type="checkbox"/> Read at the public library
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a play	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a baby
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a menu	<input type="checkbox"/> Whisper read
<input type="checkbox"/> Read a magazine	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a stuffed animal

Let's Do Some Reading This Summer!

Check out this list of resources to help you beat the summer slide!

COLORADO ACADEMY – Reading Programs (<https://www.coloradoacademysummer.org/>)

These programs last 4 weeks each and address the five essential components of effective reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Through movement, stories, and direct instruction, children will learn necessary foundational reading skills. The Orton-Gillingham-based lessons will be used to target rhyming, initial/final sounds, blending/segmenting words, and reading at levels appropriate for each individual child. Work will occur daily on written expression using pictures and words. There is a nightly homework requirement for this class as well (15-minute minimum).

Entering Grade 1: June 11-July 6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- *\$1045 for four weeks Taught by a Certified Orton-Gillingham Instructor.*

Entering Grade 2: July 9-August 3, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- *\$1160 for four weeks Taught by a Certified Orton-Gillingham Instructor.*

REGIS UNIVERSITY – Reading Programs (<https://www.regis.edu/CCLS/Departments/Education/Reading-Institute.aspx>)

Programs occur on the Regis Campus and at 8 other locations throughout Colorado, including the Apex Field House and Faith Christian Academy in Arvada. For an enjoyable activity with lifelong benefits, Regis University recommends their summer reading programs, designed and taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. All programs meet once a week, and tuition varies by program and grade.

DENVER CHRISTIAN – Super Star Summer Camp 2018 (<https://www.everychildreading.net/>)

Building literacy and math skills, self-esteem, and confidence for students who want summer support, struggle, or have dyslexia.

DENVER ACADEMY – Summer Reading Programs (<https://www.denveracademy.org/page/Student-Life/Summer--Seasonal-Programs>)

Denver Academy provides individualized education for each student in our summer academic classes.

- This one-on-one reading intervention uses Denver Academy's phonics-based reading approach utilizing the Orton-Gillingham method. Phonemic awareness and general language ability is strengthened. Additional hour-long pre-assessment required. *Fee: \$1,900 for 20-hour Intensive + \$95 pre-assessment.*

LEARNING FOUNDATIONS– Summer Reading Programs (<http://learningfoundations.org/fun-summer-studies/summer-programs/>)

[Wizard Writing Camp \(4th-6th graders\) on writing and critical thinking; Business Sharks Camp and Math Ball Camp \(both offered for 4th-6th and 7th-9th graders\) on executive functioning and organization. \\$250/camp in Centennial](#)

☺ Summer Reading Fun and Freebies ☺

BECOME A BRONCOS BOOKWORM! June 4th-August 17th
(<http://www.denverbroncos.com/programs/bookworms/>)

- Read 5 books, submit your log, and receive the following:
 - Certificate
 - Broncos Bookmark
 - Invitation to exclusive on-field Bookworms recognition event
 - Opportunity to win Broncos prizes

COLORADO RAPIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM (<https://www.coloradorapids.com/tickets/readingprogram>)

The 2018 Colorado Rapids Summer Reading Program provides Colorado-area kids an opportunity to participate in their local Library District's reading program and receive complimentary tickets to Rapids games as a prize! Additional tickets for friends and family are then offered at a discounted rate. One adult ticket must be purchased with each complimentary ticket.

BARNES & NOBLE SUMMER READING (https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading-for-kids/_/N-2mir)

Barnes & Noble's summer reading program encourages kids grades one through six to read their choice of books and earn a free book. Kids must read any eight books this summer, and record details about each in their Summer Reading Journal, which can be found on Barnes & Noble's website. Then, kids take their completed journal to any Barnes & Noble store between May 16 and September 5 to pick out a free book from the book list provided on the back of their journal.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Metro area public library districts—Westminster, Arapahoe, Jeffco, Denver, Douglas County, and Boulder – all offer summer reading programs filled with prizes and special events!

SYNC SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS 2018 (<http://audiobooksync.com/>)

Sync has a summer reading program just for teens that will get them two free audiobooks each week this summer. Each week there will be a current young adult book, as well as a classic title, that teens will be able to download for free through the OverDrive app.

CHUCK E. CHEESE READING REWARDS 2018 (<https://www.chuckecheese.com/deals-offers/rewards-calendars>)

Chuck E. Cheese has a summer reading program where kids can earn free 10 Chuck E. Cheese tokens for reading each day for 2 weeks.

Summer Book Suggestions

Kindergarten

<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com/weblog/2010/06/kids%E2%80%99-summer-reading-lists-emerging-readers-ages-4-8.html>

<https://www.education.com/magazine/article/kindergarten-summer-reading-list/>

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/k.shtml

1st Grade

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/1st_grade.shtml

<https://www.education.com/magazine/article/grade-summer-reading-list/>

2nd Grade

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/2nd-grade-summer-reading>

<https://www.education.com/magazine/article/second-grade-summer-reading-list/>

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/2nd_grade.shtml

3rd Grade

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/3rd-grade-summer-reading>

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/3rd_grade.shtml

4th Grade

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fourth-graders/>

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/4th_grade.shtml

5th Grade

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fifth-graders/>

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/richpub/listmania/fullview/R2RMC24B7ZRQXE>

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/5th_grade.shtml

6th Grade

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/6th_grade.shtml

7th Grade

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/7th_grade.shtml

8th Grade

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/8th_grade.shtml