

Summer Reading Challenge

Parents, one of the things I love most about being the library specialist at Bethany Christian School is that I get to not only help students develop as a reader/learner by consistently exposing them to different types of literature, I also get to point students to Jesus and talk about how loving God affects everything we do. In light of this, I am offering a Summer Reading Challenge that includes some of my very favorite Children's Bibles and devotionals in hopes that some of your daily reading will be spent in the presence of Jesus, learning to think His thoughts and walk in His ways.

Did You Know?

According to research, a child who reads...

- ❖ during the summer helps prevent the "summer slide."
- ❖ 20 minutes a day is exposed to almost 2 million words per year.
- ❖ 6 minutes a day reduces stress by 68%.
- ❖ fiction is often a better decision maker according to researchers from the University of Toronto.

What Can You Do As Parents This Summer?

- ❖ Encourage your child to read for a minimum of 20 minutes per day.
- ❖ Listen to books as you drive (Audible or Libby through public library)
- ❖ Snuggle up and read aloud to your kids or have them read out loud to you
- ❖ Explore different genres with your child
- ❖ Read outside (my favorite place to read a book is the beach)
- ❖ Complete our school reading challenge (see attached)

What Counts As Reading For This Summer Reading Challenge?

- ❖ The Bible
- ❖ Read-alouds (parent to child, child to sibling, friend, or pet)
- ❖ Magazines
- ❖ Graphic Novels
- ❖ Fiction Books
- ❖ Non-fiction Books
- ❖ Audiobooks
- ❖ "Double dipping" allowed (if you read 20 minutes you can count it toward T.O. Library Summer Reading and our school challenge.)

What Books Do We Recommend?

K-2nd

Gospel of John
Jesus Storybook Bible
Big Picture Storybook Bible by David
R. Helm
Indescribable by Louie Giglio
Hey Jack! By Sally Rippen
Books by Sid Hoff
Books by Mo Willems
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
Books of interest (snakes, dogs, etc)

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
My Furry Foster Family by Debbi
Michiko Florence
Greetings From Somewhere by
Harper Paris
Zach & Zoe Mysteries by Mike Lupica
Magic Tree house by Mary Pope
Osborne
Dino Riders Series by Will Dare
Frog & Toad by Arnold Lobel

3rd-5th

Gospel of John
Mighty Acts of God by Starr Meade
Jesus Calling Devotional
Who Is Jesus by Kate Hox
Junior Classics
A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate
DiCamillo
Ickabog by J.K. Rowling

Wings of Fire by Tui Sutherland
National Geographic Kids Books
Who Was Series
Story Thieves by James Riley
Candy Shop Wars by Brandon Mull
Boxcar Children by Gertrude
Chandler Warner
Frindle by Andrew Clements
City Spies by James Ponti

6th-8th

Gospel of John
Who Am I and Why Do I Matter? by
Chris Morpew
Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland
ASK Real World Questions Real
World Answers by David Robertson
Anomaly by Krista McGee
Gregor the Overlander Series by
Suzanne Collins
Keeper of the Lost Cities by
Shannon Messenger
Artemis Fowl by Eion Colfer

Fablehaven Series by Brandon Mull
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue
Park
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Dax Zander Sea Patrol: The Hand in
the Moon by Noah Knox Marshall
Explorer Academy Series by Trudi
Truett
The Inheritance Cycle (a series) by
Christopher Paolini

Mrs. Wagner's absolute favorite whole family read-alouds include Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones, Mistmantle Chronicles by M.I. McAllister, Vanderbeekers by Karina Yan Glaser, Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart, and Land of Stories by Chris Colfer.

How To Get Started...

The 11 week Reading Log is separated by month. June is on this side. Please flip over to record July and August.

Students K-2 should color the day when they complete the reading

Students 3-8 should write the minutes on each day they read and add the weekly total minutes.

Parents please add the total minutes read (K-2 parents you will need to write in the minutes) and sign for the month.

Reading Rewards

1,000 minutes (13 minutes per day) of Summer Reading = Bookmark

1,540 minutes (20 minutes per day) of Summer Reading = Popsicle Party

4,620 minutes (60 minutes per day) of Summer Reading = BCS swag and Name entered into a drawing to name & cuddle with the Library animals

Highest Reader = Special Prize (I promise, it'll be good!!)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Summer Reading Goal: _____

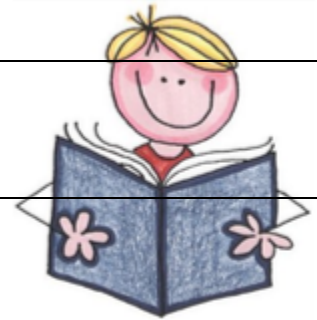


<i>June Reading Minutes</i>		
Week One (6/12-18)	Week Two (6/19-25)	Week Three (6/26-7/2)
Mon.	Mon.	Mon
Tues.	Tues.	Tues.
Wed.	Thu	Fri
Thurs.	Thurs.	Thurs.
Fri.	Fri.	Fri
Sat.	Sat.	Sat
Sun.	Sun.	Sun
Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:
Parent Signature:		

Turn Over to Record July and August Reading!

July Reading Minutes

Week Four (7/3-9)	Week Five (7/10-16)	Week Six (7/17-23)	Week Seven (7/24-30)
Mon.	Mon.	Mon	Mon
Tues.	Tues.	Tues.	Tues.
Wed.	Thu	Fri	Fri
Thurs.	Thurs.	Thurs.	Thurs.
Fri.	Fri.	Fri	Fri
Sat.	Sat.	Sat	Sat
Sun.	Sun.	Sun	Sun
Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:
Parent Signature:			



August Reading Minutes

Week Eight (7/31-8/6)	Week Nine (8/7-13)	Week Ten (8/14-20)	Week Eleven (8/21-27)
Mon.	Mon.	Mon	Mon
Tues.	Tues.	Tues.	Tues.
Wed.	Thu	Fri	Fri
Thurs.	Thurs.	Thurs.	Thurs.
Fri.	Fri.	Fri	Fri
Sat.	Sat.	Sat	Sat
Sun.	Sun.	Sun	Sun
Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:	Total Minutes:
Parent Signature:			