



SK Summer Reading 2026

Why encourage a summer reading plan for your children?

Studies suggest that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. Reading more books leads to even greater success. When children are provided with 10 to 20 self-selected children's books at the end of the regular school year, as many as 50 percent not only maintain their skills, but actually make reading gains.

Research suggests that if children have opportunities to listen to, discuss, and read books on topics that they select, or books about characters that they love, they develop extensive background knowledge that can strengthen their independent reading and sustain their engagement.

***Note:* <https://study.com/blog/why-is-summer-reading-so-important-for-kids-success.html>

Harding Academy has set in place a summer reading program for all lower school students. **SK students have the goal of reading/hearing at least 10 books and a minimum of 50 pages total.** Parents are asked to keep a record of the books their child has read/heard over the summer (*see attached Reading Record*). The Reading Record is due on the first day of school. Below is a list of suggested books.

Book suggestions:

"Bob" books

"Hello Reader!" books

"My First I Can Read" books

"Rookie Reader" books

Kevin Henkes books

Eric Carle books

Little Critter books by Mercer Mayer

Berenstain Bears books by Stan

Berenstain

Rocket Says books by Nathan Bryon

Biscuit books by A. Capucilli

Pete the Cat books by Kimberly and James Dean

Curious George books by H. A. Rey

Click, Clack Moo Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

The Snowy Day by Ezra Keats

I Like Me by Nancy Carlson

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Make Way for Ducklings by R. McCloskey

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Big, Bad Bruce by Bill Peet

Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

