



Get WILD about Summer Reading!

To support Greenwood families with summer reading, we have three goals for you, Grizzlies!

1) READ

2) WRITE

3) CONNECT

At Greenwood, we recognize that every family is different – schedules, preferences, activities, etc., so this year we'd again like to provide you with opportunities and ideas rather than requirements. Your task: Figure out what your child is WILD about, and work that into summer reading and writing. Our top goal for Greenwood students this summer is that they're **READING, READING, READING** to avoid the summer setback. Reading, too, can be a time for your child to pursue their passions by reading and writing about what interests them most over the summer. Hockey? Robotics? Horses? Take these tips and keep in mind, "What is my child wild about?" to help your child go wild for reading this summer.

1) TOP PRIORITY: READ

Practical tips:

1. Aim for a minimum of 20 minutes per day of independent reading by your child....30 in intermediate grades if possible.
2. Books... yes, please!, but also find quality blogs, online reading, and appropriate nonfiction research sites through the web, etc. to help your child find more and learn more about topics that motivate them.
3. Make it your goal to read aloud to your child, all the way through elementary school!
4. Try to help your child read from multiple genres or authors – nonfiction and more nonfiction, mysteries, poetry, fables, historical fiction, tall tales, graphic novels, fiction series, fairy tales, folktales...Summer is a good time to help develop their reading "tastes" and try something new.

Supports for Summer Reading Pitfalls:

1) "I have nothing to read!"

- **GREENWOOD LIBRARY HOURS** will be held on Wednesdays from 9-11 on the following dates: June 22 and 29, July 6, 13, 20, and 27. All books must be returned by July 27' with no new books checked out on that date. Come for help finding and checking out new books. What a great time to connect with friends about what they're reading, too!

- Head to the Plymouth Library. The librarians there are also able to make recommendations, reserve books for you and have them ready for pickup, and it's a great place to just spend a morning or evening browsing for new interests or new series.
- Here's a chance to earn a free book this summer, just by answering a few questions about your reading life. Check out this great "Triathlon Reading" opportunity through Barnes and Noble!
http://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2016/summer-reading/BN_SummerReading_Journal.pdf?x
- **Access Our Greenwood Online Resources, Available All Summer**
 - **Mackin Via** <http://mackinvia.com>
 - Students log in with their technology user name and password
 - **PebbleGo** <http://www.pebblego.com/login/>
 - **PebbleGoNext** <http://www.pebblegonext.com/login/>
 - **Capstone Interactive Library** <http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com>
User name and password for these three is: Username: gwelem
Password: school
 - **Tumblebooks** <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/>
 - User name: greenwood 763
 - Password: books
 - **Brainpop** <https://www.brainpop.com/>
 - User name: greenwoodmn
 - Password: workhard
- **Seek out booklists available online. Next are a few recommendations:**
 - Try the Scholastic Book Wizard. Here you can enter a grade-level equivalent for your child. For example, the third grade year is 3.0-3.9. (Third year, ninth month of school) Enter a wide reading range to find just right and independent reading for your child, and select topics they're interested in. You can use the search to find "alike books" to authors, series, or topics your child already enjoys, too.
www.scholastic.com/bookwizard

- Check out these booklists, ordered by age groups, from the Scholastic Summer Reading site.
www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/asset/file/2016-summer-reading-challenge-book-list-all-ages.pdf
- Try the daily TumbleBook online – through this link, a new audio/online book will appear each day. daily.tumblebooks.com
- Try James Patterson’s “Read Kiddo, Read” site. Lots of great booklists and parent information here. <http://www.readkiddoread.com/>
- Take family field trips to book stores. Go for nearby favorites such as Barnes and Noble, or head into the Linden Hills area to check out the famous “*Wild Rumpus*” bookstore – animals roam around (Even chickens!), and reading opportunities abound.

2) **“I have no time to read.”**

- Take it with you. Keep books in the car, in the pool bag, in a sports bag etc. – reading can be done on the bleachers, on pool breaks, at the rink, etc. There IS time.
- If your child is motivated by timing, set a timer with the hope that once they get “into” their book, the minutes melt away. If they don’t, 20-30 minutes is but a small fraction of a summer day. If your child is motivated by logging their minutes digitally, here are a few options for you.
- Scholastic’s Summer Challenge:
<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016>
 - Create a login, and you’re all set! This year we’re opting to encourage individuals to do this whom are motivated by logging minutes digitally. You will not need to log any school information as this is done independently over the summer rather than as a school. This year’s theme is “Be a Reading Superhero!”

GOAL 2: WRITE

Practical Tips:

- Make it part of the reading routine, if that works for your child. IF your child is motivated by keeping a list of books they’ve read, you can either use a notebook or log books online at a few different recommended sites.
- Write (and read) book reviews throughout the summer on “Share What You Are Reading” Scholastic! <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/swyar/> Read and review books by grade level and genre – very user-friendly.

- Keep a summer journal – a special notebook picked out by your child can be motivating. Your child can write about absolutely anything: sports events, trips, playdates, books they're reading, etc. Keeping your child in the habit of writing is important, hand in hand with reading routines.
- See tips below in "connect" for ways to compose ideas about writing in digital venues.

GOAL 3: CONNECT

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- Use the hashtag #GWREADS to check out what others are reading, or share book recommendations.
- Start a summer book group in your neighborhood or with friends. You don't all need to read the same book, though you can if you so choose. Just take time to connect, share about books you're reading, and maybe share a summer ice cream treat!

GREENWOOD "FLIPS" for Summer Reading! July 13, 2016, 9-11a.m.

Another chance to check out books before the final turn-in day on July 27th.

Bring your family, books, and a blanket for community reading time!

Relax, read, and recommend books to friends in the sunshine. (Greenwood gym = Rain location)

Free pancakes flipped by Greenwood teachers who are "Flipping for Summer Reading!"

Guest appearances by our "famous" Greenwood teachers AND GRIZZ!

Try the "Book Walk" to win a book throughout the morning!

BE THERE, GRIZZLIES!

