

# Get ready for SUMMER READING

A smiling sun with a face and a stack of books. The sun is yellow with a white face, closed eyes, and a wide smile. It has rays extending from its top and sides. To the right of the sun is a stack of four books with red, blue, green, and yellow covers. An open book with white pages is on top of the stack.

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap,” and we’ve made it a priority to keep your child’s skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

This year, we’re doubling the reward opportunities for our summer readers in grades K through 5. Included in this mailing is a summer reading log. Keep a record of books read (or listened to) and return the log to your child’s teacher by September 12. Students in grades K-3 who read at least eight books and students in grades 4 & 5 who read at least five chapter books will earn a Chick-fil-a reward.

The second reward opportunity comes from the Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program where students keep track of their reading minutes all summer long. We’d like our students to read the most minutes possible in an effort for our school to earn the title “Best in State,” and to help unlock book donations for kids in need across the country through the Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Give Back! Learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge at [scholastic.com/summer](http://scholastic.com/summer). You can also visit [scholastic.com/readapalooza](http://scholastic.com/readapalooza) to learn more about the Summer Reading Give Back.

When students enter their reading minutes from May 6 to September 6, they earn digital badges. K through 5 summer readers may earn extra book checkouts by earning badges. See the summer reading log for details. You’ll also find summer booklists for all ages on the Challenge website.

If your child forgot his or her summer reading username, please contact me directly. Have a blessed and restful summer and read, read, read!

Blessings,

Mrs. Traci Renner  
Librarian