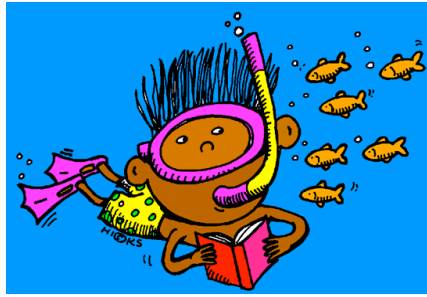


## Rutherford Public Schools Grades 1-3 Summer Reading Information



Dear Parents,

For all students entering grades one through three, summer reading is for enjoyment and the love of reading. At these levels book reports or projects are not assigned, yet it is my sincere hope that the children will continue to practice and reinforce their reading skills during the summer. The recommended summer reading list has been developed with an understanding of the different reading levels and interests of the children. It is intended to serve as a guide as you help your child choose books.

Why summer reading? When the bell rings on the last day of school, children are ready to play outdoors and with their favorite toys. The last thing children have on their mind is reading. However, research shows that over the summer months children will lose some of their reading skills if they do not read during this time. The following summer reading enrichment programs will encourage and reward your child for reading during the summer.

The **Summer Reading Club** at the Rutherford Public Library asks the children to track and record their reading and offers children the opportunity to be rewarded depending upon the amount of reading done. The Children's Department at the library offers a summer filled with fun and activities. Stop by the public library for further details or go to: <http://www.rutherfordlibrary.org/children.htm>

**Imagination Destination**, Barnes and Noble's summer program, rewards children with a free book when they read eight books. You can download further information at <http://img1.imagesbn.com/pImages/kids/summerreading/2011/BN-Tear-Pad.pdf>

**Double-Dog Dare Challenge**, sponsored by Borders, will also reward children with a free book after ten books have been read. Visit [http://www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView\\_double-dog-dare](http://www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView_double-dog-dare)

During the school year your children and I have shared the enjoyment of reading and wonderful adventures through books. I wish for you to have the same experience with your child. This can be accomplished whether you read to your child, or if your child is an independent reader, by discussing what has been read. By reading this summer, your child will continue to travel to fantasy lands, solve mysteries, or have a good laugh through the pages of a book. I hope you, and your family, have a wonderful vacation and add to your summer adventures by reading!

See you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Van Es