

## Dear Family,

The Brockway Elementary School wants to continue our passion for reading as your child begins their summer vacation. Summer is a great time to enhance their literacy skills. It has been proven that students who do not read during the summer show a three month loss in their reading ability, but those who continue to read make great gains for their upcoming school year.

Within this brochure are a variety of suggestions on reading materials that are age-appropriate for your child. Use the 5 finger test to ensure successful reading. Each time your child comes to an unknown word, a finger is raised. Five unknown words on a page indicate that book may be too difficult at this time. Save it for later, or use it as a read aloud to your child.

Reading logs will be provided so you can track your child's progress together. Additional information can be found on the Brockway Elementary Website.

Thank you for your involvement with your child's interest in reading. Together we can help them reach their fullest potential. Enjoy your summer!

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## Fun Family Summer Reading Strategies

### Read aloud together as a family every day

- \* Make it fun by reading outdoors—on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park.
- \* Provide opportunities for shared reading: read to your child and let your child read to you.
- \* Use echo reading: read a short passage from a favorite story and have your child reread it, matching your expression and accuracy.
- \* Allow your child to practice reading the same passage again and again to strengthen their fluency skills.
- \* Take advantage of the rainy days, and snuggle up to read together.
- \* Discuss the books with your children. When your child asks you questions on what they read, they are developing their comprehension.
- \* Invite your child to read a favorite book to a younger sibling or a friend.

### Set a good example

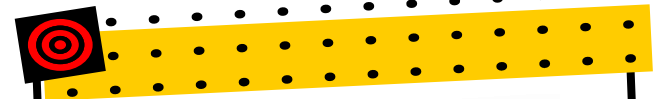
- \* Keep a variety of reading materials around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time (including mom and dad).
- \* Set a reading goal for the summer. Develop a chart for them to track their progress.

### Let kids choose what they want to read

- \* On the inside cover of this brochure are suggested titles of various genres and reading materials your child may enjoy. Please refer to their age-appropriate list and feel free to ask your child's teacher for advice.

### Take your child to the library regularly

- \* Our local library offers a great summer reading program with activities to go along with the suggested stories.



## **“Have Fun in the Sun” Brockway Elementary School Summer Reading Program**

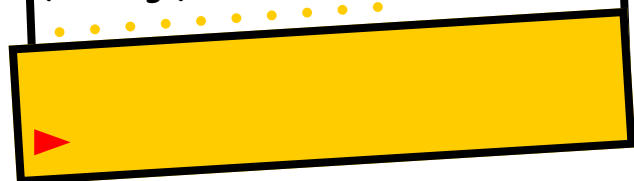
June 1-August 7, 2015

Students will be assigned dates and times based on their current grade level.

Please see attached permission slip



Reading program for:



## ▶ Grade 4-5



### Fantasy:

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe  
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Ronald Dahl  
Redwoods by Jason Chin  
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary  
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster  
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo  
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

### Historical Fiction:

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry  
Elijah Of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis  
My Havana by Secundino Fernandez and Rosemary Wells  
One Hen by Katie Smith Milway  
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

### Stories:

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne  
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney  
M.C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton  
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George  
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

### Realistic Fiction:

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary  
Rules by Cynthia Lord  
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

### Poetry:

Poetry for Young People: Carl Sandburg & Emily Dickinson by Frances Schoonmaker Bolin  
Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes by David Roessei and Arnold Rampersad

### Ancient Civilization:

Mesopotamia by Sunita Apte  
The Inca Empire by Sandra Newman  
Who Was King Tut? by Roberta Edwards  
Everything Ancient Egypt by Crispin Boyer

### US Founding Documents:

The Bill of Rights by Christine Taylor-Butler  
The Declaration of Independence by Melissa McDaniel  
The US Constitution by Michael Burgan

### The Power of Nature:

Do Tornadoes Really Twist? by Melvin Berger  
Hurricane Katrina by Peter Benoit  
The Great Fire by Jim Murphy

### Animals and Ecosystems:

Ecology: The Study of Ecosystems by Susan H. Gray  
Food Chain Frenzy by Anne Capeci  
Survival at 120 Above by Debbie S. Miller  
The Buzz on Bees by Shelley Rotner and Anne Woodhull

### Extraordinary Americans:

The Many Rides of Paul Revere by James Cross Giblin  
Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman  
I am Harriet Tubman by Grace Norwich

### The Solar System:

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca  
Planet Earth by Christine Taylor-Butler

## ▶ Grade 6

### Mystery:

Crispin: The Cross of Land by Avi  
Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Ten Great Mysteries of Edgar Allan Poe by Edgar Allan Poe  
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

### Novels:

Holes by Louis Sachar  
Maniac MaGee by Jerry Spinelli  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain  
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

### Science Fiction/Fantasy:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle  
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling  
The Giver by Lois Lowry  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

### Historical Fiction:

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan  
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Hiroshima: A Novella by Laurence Yep  
Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine

### Realistic Fiction:

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck  
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko  
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt  
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

### Inventors and Inventions:

Alexander Graham Bell by Mike Venezia  
Computer Graphics by Kevin Cunningham  
Marie Curie by Vicki Cobb  
What a Great Idea! by Stephen M. Tomecek

### Explorations and Discoveries:

100 Most Awesome Things on the Planet by Anna Claybourne  
Mission: Mars by Pascal Lee  
Mammoth Bones & Broken Stones by David L. Harrison

### Civil Rights:

Marching for Freedom by Elizabeth Partridge  
Dare to Dream by Angela Shelf Medearis  
Women's Right to Vote by Elaine Landau

