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 the their current grade level.

Please see attached permission slip



Reading program for:

► Grades K-1

Stories:

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel

Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Williams

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik

Little Mouse Gets Ready by Jeff Smith

Not Norman: A Goldfish Story by Kelly Bennett

Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel

Realistic Fiction:

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

An Orange in January by Dianna Hutts Aston

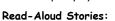
Families are Different by Nina Pellegrini

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

No David! By David Shannon

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats



Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Lon Po Po by Ed Young

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Poetry:

Apple Banana Cherry by Joy Cowley

Pocket Poems by Bobbi Katz

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss and Margorie Priceman

Nonfiction:

What is the Statue of Liberty? by Janice Behrens

Apples for Everyone by Jill Esbaum

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

A Day with Doctors by Jodie Shepherd

While the World is Sleeping by Pamela Duncan Edwards

How Your Body Works by David Stewart

You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear by Harriet Ziefert



Traditional Tales:

Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott

Borrequita and the Coyote by Verna Aardema

Ming Log Moves the Mountain by Arnold Lobel

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe

Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola

The Irish Cinderlad by Shirley Climo

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie dePaola

The Rough-Face Girl by Rafe Martin

Historical Fiction:

Freedom on the Menu by Carole Boston Weatherford

In the Garden with Dr. Carver by Susan Grigsby

Mailing May by Michael O. Tunnell

Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue and Corinne Naden

The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff

Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaret King Mitchell

Wonder Horse by Emily Arnold McCully

Stories:

Amos and Boris by William Steig

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Tsunami! By Kimio Kajikawa

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Poetry:

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelusky

Animals and Habitats:

Bat Loves the Night by Nicola Davis

Do Bears Sleep All Winter? by Melvin Berger

Penguins by Penelope Arlon

Rainforests by Andrew Langley

Who Eats What? by Patricia Lauber

Magnets and Machines:

Simple Machines by Dana Meachen Rau

What Magnets Can Do by Allan Fowler

How a House Is Built by Gail Gibbons

Construction Zone by Cheryl Willis Hudson

Explorers and Inventors:

How People Learned to Fly by Fran Hodgkins

Marie Curie by Mike Venezia

Steve Jobs by Joanne Mattern

Timeless Thomas by Gene Barretta

Freedom Leaders:

Jackie Robinson: American Hero by Sharon Robinson

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

A Picture of Eleanor Roosevelt by David A. Adler

When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan

The Wonder of Water:

Our Earth: Saving Water by Peggy Hook

Re-Cycles by Michael Elsohn Ross

A Cool Drink of Water by Barbara Kerley

Where Do Puddles Go? by Fay Robinson

Around the World:

Ancient Egypt by Penelope Arlon

If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith

Mummies by Elizabeth Carney

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley

