

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:

► 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*



Read-Aloud Stories:

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*

► Grades 2-3

Traditional Tales:

Anansi the Spider *by Gerald McDermott*
Borreguita 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*

