



Be Creative with Reading and Writing!!

Summer Reading and Writing Calendars, 2009

June 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This time of year the question that I am most often asked is, "*What can I do to help my child continue reading and writing during the summer?*" In answer, our school is offering annual Summer Reading and Writing Calendars to students. Our theme this summer is **"Be Creative with Reading and Writing!!"** The activities included on the calendars offer students opportunities to read and write for various purposes and outcomes. Library visits are also part of the weekly schedules. The calendars can easily be used in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries' program entitled "Summer Reading 2009: Be Creative!" providing incentives to keep students reading and writing during the summer months.

The requirements for successfully completing the summer reading calendars are simple. Students will set goals to earn rewards for their reading and writing efforts. Details are included with this letter. They are also required to read a minimum of three days a week for 15 to 20 minutes. Students may buy or make a journal to record their writings and titles of books read. In September, students return their completed journals to me for Recognition and Celebration. I hope to see your child at our special celebration!

Yours truly,

Dianne Tencer
Reading Specialist





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To participate you will need to:

- ...buy or make a journal/notebook to record your calendar activities,
- ...read for at least 15-20 minutes, three times a week and record the titles on the "Reading Log," **(In grades K/1/2 books may be read aloud by an adult.)**
- ...set your **GOAL** for Reading and Writing this summer by coloring in the book next to your goal below,
- ...turn your **completed journals/notebooks AND your "Reading Log"** in to your Reading Specialist, Mrs. Tencer **by Friday, September 4, 2009.**

** Optional: Have someone take a picture of you reading. Be creative...take your picture in an interesting place. Attach your photo to the Summer Reading Picture page and complete the information required on the page. We will display the pictures in September.*

SET YOUR SUMMER READING AND WRITING GOAL

	<u>expectations</u>	<u>recognition</u>
 step 3	<u>21 or more</u> calendar activities included that successfully complete each task & your "Reading Log"	certificate bookmark pencil CELEBRATION!
 step 2	<u>15</u> calendar activities included that successfully complete each task & your "Reading Log"	certificate bookmark pencil
 step 1	<u>9</u> calendar activities included that successfully complete each task & your "Reading Log"	certificate bookmark

Name (first and last) _____

Grade in Sept. 2009 _____






July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Create a special reading bumper sticker. Design it on the first page of your summer reading journal.	2 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Choose a book to read. Write all the reasons you picked this book to read.	3 Design a hat to wear for a Fourth of July celebration. Use this website to show you how to make it: www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/columbus/newspaper_sailors/hats.html	4 
5 	6 Create a new cover for a book you have read. Include the title and author. Then write the names of the characters, and tell about the setting.	7 Pick a book to read to your favorite stuffed animal. Who did you read to? Make a costume for your stuffed animal that depicts one of the characters in the book.	8 Write a story about your stuffed animal's best adventure. Make it exciting. Share with a friend.	9 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Select a true book to read. Write the title of the book and list five interesting facts that you learned. Draw a picture to go with each fact.	10 Sing a song with a friend. Write the words you sang. Create a musical instrument to help you keep the beat. Try this website www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/music	11 
12 	13 Read everything on a cereal box. When the box is empty, cover it with paper and design a new box for your favorite cereal.	14 Take an imaginary trip to an imaginary destination. Create a picture postcard that shows the things you saw and did on the front. Write a letter to a friend on the back.	15 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Read a book about an animal. Read it to your favorite stuffed animal.	16 Make a list of your 10 favorite games. Then put them in ABC order. Find a friend to play one of the games with you.	17 Write a letter to a friend telling about your favorite game. Draw a picture to share.	18 
19 	20 Cut out words from a newspaper. Glue them on paper to write a special message for a friend.	21 Choose a favorite recipe. Write the ingredients. If you get a chance, try making you recipe with an adult.	22 Read a book of your choice in your favorite chair. Draw a picture of the story's setting. Label it.	23 Summer days are the longest days of the year. List the longest words you know. Use at least five of them in a sentence.	24 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Read a mystery book and draw a new cover showing the setting and the characters on the front and the problem and solution on the back.	25 
26 	27 Read aloud with a friend. Take turns reading the pages. Write the title of the book and the name of the friend with whom you read.	28 Read a fairy tale. Get some friends together to make the story into a play. Remember you will need to write dialogue. Perform it for your families.	29 Read a poem. Use rainbow colors to write all the words that rhyme. Add other words that rhyme to your list. Read your list aloud.	30 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Read a book written by your favorite author. What did you read? Who is the author?	31 Create a poster about a special friend. Include words on the poster that give information about your friend.	

Be Creative!



August 2009

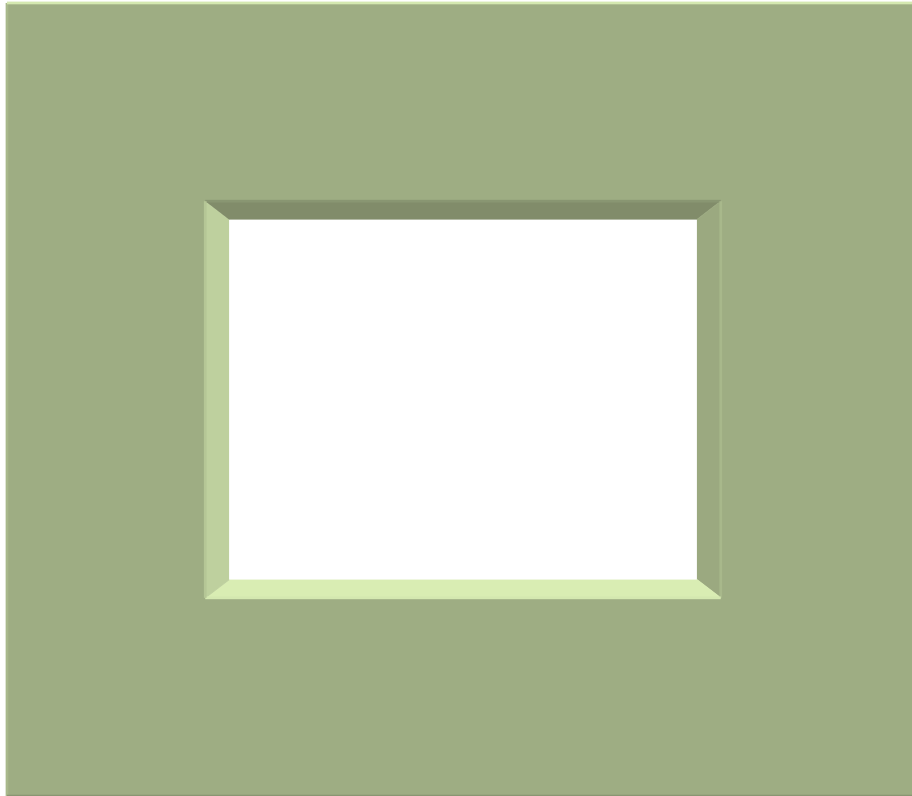
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 Make up an exciting Summer Reading Slogan and use it to create a colorful banner to hang in your room.	4 Draw a picture of your bedroom. Label five of your favorite things. Write about one of them.	5 Make a list of all the popsicle flavors you can. Put them in ABC order and then circle your favorite.	6 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Choose a book to read. Tell what made you pick this book.	7 Make a puppet of a character from a book you have read. Use a paper bag, socks or a popsicle stick to create the puppet.	8 
9 	10 Think of your favorite place to eat. Draw your favorite meal. Write 3 reasons why people should eat there.	11 Plan an August picnic to celebrate reading. Make a list telling who you would invite and what you would do.	12 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Find a book about plants. Make a list of seven new words that you learned about plants.	13 Take a walk with an adult. Count the number of different plants you see. Select your favorite plant to sketch and label.	14 Read for 15 minutes in a shady spot. Write about your favorite character and tell why?	15 
16 	17 Go outside, close your eyes, and listen to all the mysterious sounds. Then write a story about what you heard. Try to make the sounds you heard and create a musical sequence with the sounds.	18 Read a book about an animal. Try to find out where the animal lives. Use a shoebox to create the animal's habitat.	19 Find a picture in the newspaper or in a magazine. Write a story telling about what is happening.	20 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Read a book by your favorite author. What did you read? Who was the author? Find some information about the author and write it in your journal.	21 Create a new cookie. Name it and design a box that will make people want to try it.	22 
23	24 Design a special award for your favorite book character. Write what your character did to earn this special award.	25 Think of your favorite jokes. Write 3 or 4 of them to share. Try them out on your friends and family.	26 The weather on summer days can be hot! List all the things you can think of that are hot.	27 VISIT THE LIBRARY! Find a book with an unusual setting. Make a postcard. Draw the setting on the front and write a message to a friend on the back.	28 Make a list of all of the books you read this summer. Give it to your teacher on the first day of school.	29 
30	31 Write a letter to your teacher. Tell her some things you would like her to know about you before school starts.					

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Summer Reading Picture

- Write a brief description that includes where your picture was taken and what book you are reading.
- Be sure to write your name below so that we can return your picture.



Name _____

Grade in Sept. 2009 _____

Description of photo:

Where are you? What are you reading?
