



Reading Newsletter

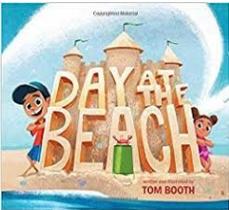
Edison District June 2019



Books of the Month

(Grades K-2)

Day at the Beach by Tom Booth



Every summer, Audrey and Gideon built a sandcastle together at the beach, until one summer Gideon decided to go at it alone. Gideon built a masterpiece. Many praised it, but when he saw his family building one without him, he saw working together had much more appeal.

(Grades 3-5)

Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn

Cat and her brother Chicken have always had a very special bond—Cat is one of the few people who can keep Chicken happy. When he has a “meltdown” she’s the one who scratches his back and reads his favorite story. She’s the one who knows what Chicken needs. Since their mom has had to work double-hard to keep their family afloat after their father passed away, Cat has been the glue holding her family together. But even the strongest glue sometimes struggles to hold. When a summer trip doesn’t go according to plan, Cat and Chicken end up spending three weeks with grandparents they never knew. For the first time in years, Cat has the opportunity to be a kid again, and the journey she takes shows that even the most broken or strained relationships can be healed if people take the time to walk in one another’s shoes.



Focus of the Month:

Preventing the Summer Slide

Have you heard the term “summer reading slide”? During the summer, many students experience a loss of skills and material learned over the school year. If they don’t “use it” then they “lose it”. The good news is that we can prevent the summer slide. There are lots of literacy activities that we can do over the summer with our kids to help them practice (in a fun way!) all the things they have learned.

- Going on a trip? Find a book set in that location to read while you travel there!
- Curl up with a book in different spots inside and outside your home and rate each reading spot on a scale of one to five. At the end of the summer, review your ratings and decide which spot was your favorite place to read.
- Read or reread a book with a character you love. Now, think about what that character might do over the summer. Write down or draw a picture of what you’ve imagined.
- Read a book that takes place in nature, then go to your backyard or a park and study bugs up close, observe trees and flowers, and enjoy the wonders of the world!
- Ask a Librarian: If you don’t have a library card, ask your librarian how you can get one. Also ask about any library perks you might not know about, such as access to CDs, learning games, fun classes, and more
- Build a fort — indoors with cardboard blocks or boxes, or outdoors with branches or a tent — then read a book inside it.
- Learn about the planets and stars by reading a book, then look for constellations in the summer night sky.
- Read a book that is written like a diary. Create a diary of your own by writing down some memories from your summer in a journal or old notebook.

Reading Challenge of the Month



How many books do you think you can read this summer? Set a goal and make a poster to track your progress! Visit your local library or Barnes and Noble to check out the reading challenges they offer.

