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Celebrating Excellence



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*When you motivate your child to read, you also motivate him/her to learn.
Reading is the foundation of a successful education.
Children improve this all-important activity by . . .
reading, reading, and reading some more!*

Notice to Parents of New Kindergarten – Grade 4 Children

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to our Summer Reading Program. Reading is a most important and rewarding activity that directly correlates with a student's academic success. Therefore, we are asking all children to participate in our program by reading three (3) or more books this summer, including (1) non-fiction selection. Parents of Kindergarten children (or pre-readers), may read the 3 books to their child.

You and your child can select any book; however, one must be a non-fiction selection. We have compiled a list of suggested authors to help children and parents select summer reading books appropriate to their grade level. Please help your child get off to a good start! Below please find some helpful suggestions to assist you in motivating your child to participate:

- ◆ Choose books on topic that your child enjoys. Take him/her to the public library frequently.
- ◆ Children are naturally curious. Allow them to ask lots of questions about the story you are reading.
- ◆ Ask your child questions about the book he/she is reading:
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - What character did you like the most?
 - What does your favorite character look like?
 - Did you like the story? Why or why not?
 - Can you tell me one thing that happened in the story?
- ◆ Encourage your child to vary his/her selection – don't have them read the same type of book each time. Again, vary his/her selection (poetry, picture, non-fiction, etc).

Please help your child complete the non-fiction book summary, fill out the attached reading log, and initial in the right-hand column. Extra materials and additional information about the Summer Reading Program are available in the Curriculum Office, 139 Pleasant Street, on-line at www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us and at the Tewksbury Public Library. Please see other side for Tewksbury Public Library Summer Reading Club information.

In the fall, teachers will collect the non-fiction summary forms and logs. Students who meet all the summer reading requirements will receive a certificate of participation. Most of all, students who consistently read throughout the summer, will be better prepared for a successful school year.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance with our Summer Reading Program.

Happy Summer Reading!

TIPS District Strategy:

The Tewksbury Public Schools community believes that our educational program will encompass a 21st century teaching and learning approach that promotes consistent growth among our students and staff to achieve academic, social, and emotional success for all students.

Join the Summer Reading Club at the Tewksbury Public Library!

Get prizes for reading all summer.
"Library Rocks" with crafts, book discussion groups
and special events throughout the summer.

It's easy to sign up!

1. Bring your summer reading packet to the Children's Room desk beginning Monday, June 25th to sign up, or you may sign up on-line by visiting our website www.tewksburypl.org/.
2. Read! Write down the titles and authors of the books you have read on the lines inside the packet.
3. During the summer, bring your folder back to the library as often as you like to have your books checked off. The more you read, the more prizes you'll get!
4. The Summer Reading Club ends on August 10th with a party. At this time, Summer Reading Club participants can pick up their certificate and even MORE prizes.
5. The last official day for the Summer Reading Club is Friday, August 10th.
6. You can still check in your reading and pick up your final prizes through August 31st.

Preschoolers through students entering 5th grade can participate in the Children's Department reading program, where you keep track of how much TIME you read. After you sign up, you'll receive a reading brag tag and chain. Then for each 15 minutes you read, you earn a reading bead. When it adds up to an hour, you'll earn a shiny bead and a raffle ticket for more than 20 cool prizes. Read for a total of 4 hours and you'll earn special beads. The more you read, the more raffle tickets you'll earn. The library will also host free events and programs every week day during the summer, from concerts to juggling to animal shows to science. The best part is it is all free!

We also have both a Teen Summer Reading Program for students entering grades 6 to 12, and an Adult Summer Reading Program. The whole family can participate this summer, and attend both indoor and outdoor events. Participation in all programs begins June 25th!