

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Help your child create a summer reading habit

Getting children to read in the summer can be tough when outdoor fun is calling. To keep your child reading, simply treat it like any other fun summer activity. Show your child that reading is enjoyable and can happen anywhere, anytime—without feeling like homework.

If you help your child make the connection between reading and the simple pleasures of childhood, the desire to read may last a lifetime.

To take a summer approach to reading:

- Suggest that your child reread a favorite book. Then, find another book by the same author. Or, find one on the same topic.
- Connect books with summer activities—sports books for a summer league player, for instance, or camping books for a camper.
- Let your child stay up past bedtime when a book is just too good to put down.
- Start your child on a series of mystery or thriller books. These page-turners hook kids into a reading habit.
- Encourage a change of venue. Read books at the beach or pool, in a tent or at the park.
- Watch movies, videos and plays based on children's books. Then, read the books together and compare the versions.
- Share your favorite childhood books with your child.
- Encourage your child to retell or act out stories from books.



~ The Parent Institute, May 2026

Dates to Remember



Monday, May 25— No School, Memorial Day

Friday, May 29— Early Dismissal, 11:15

LAST DAY
of
SCHOOL!