



# Middle School Guidance

## Summer Reading Tips

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Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer, parents can help children sustain (and even bolster) reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment. Children need free time, away from structured academic learning, and summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for your child/children: (1) Read aloud together with your child every day. (2) Set a good example - keep a lot of

reading material around the house and allow your child to see both mom and dad reading. (3) Let your child choose what they want to read. (4) Buy books on tape or check them out at the local library. (5) As you go throughout the day, cooking, gardening grocery shopping, utilize the time to engage in verbal word play, vocabulary building, new word meaning. (6) Take your child to the library on a regular basis. (7) Subscribe, in your child's name to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids or Highlights for Children. This is another great way to engage them in reading and discussion. (8) Ease disappointment over summer break from a friend by writing letters or sending postcards from favorite vacation spots. If

both children have access to the Internet, e-mail is another great way to communicate. (9) Trips can be fun as well. Introduce your child to maps and traffic signs. These are just a few reading activities that parents can do with their children over the summer months. Enjoy!

### Quote of the month

"My advice is to find fuel in failure. Sometimes failure gets you closer to where you want to be."

(Michael Jordan #23)



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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## Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

**June 1, 2007** - Last student day for the 2006 - 2007 school year.

**June 14, 2007** - Flag day. Display the American flag proudly.

**June 17, 2007** - Happy Father's Day. Thank you dad for everything!

**July 4, 2007** - Independence Day! Happy Birthday America!

**August 16, 2007** - New student registration [K through 12] (9:00 - 2:00)

**August 24, 2007** - Teacher In-Service Day.

**August 27, 2007** - ACT 80 Day.

**August 28, 2007** - First student day of the 2007 - 2008 school year.

**August 31, 2007** - Individual school pictures for students in Kindergarten through twelfth

grade.

**September 3, 2007** - Labor Day.

**September 26, 2007** - First Nine Week Mid-Term Grading Period.



