

# READ

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to have you try this at home to help encourage your child's love of reading!

You may be familiar with a traditional Reading Log for homework, the kind where you write down the titles of books your child has read and how many minutes they read for, or some other variation. Then you sign it and return it to the teacher.

This is different! No trying to remember titles or keeping track of how long you read for. Just reading...anything, anywhere, any way, with anyone, and for any length of time.

The Reading Log gives a wide variety of practical and FUN ideas for reading opportunities outside the classroom. A few examples: read a book that became a movie, read with a flashlight, read the back of cereal boxes, read to the family pet or stuffed animals, read to family & friends on Skype or Facetime, play Scrabble, etc.

Have your child place a check mark or tally marks in the box every time they complete one of the reading activities. While I encourage them to try to check off as many as they can, no incentives will be given for how many boxes are checked off. I agree wholeheartedly with this statement:

"We are simply listing habits of lifelong readers and providing a choice. Lifelong readers do not read for prizes, count pages, or write titles of books. Rather, readers who read for pleasure enjoy reading on the go, select a variety of materials, enjoy sharing or comparing thoughts with others, and are always on the hunt for the next thrill" -Ekuwah Moses

So please just use this new Reading Log as a tool to help raise a lifelong reader! If you think of any new ideas that are not listed, feel free to add and write them right onto the list.

Happy Reading!



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: This summer I want to encourage you to read as much and as often as possible. I want you to read the books on your above reading list, but I also want you to read other things you like. Below you will find a list of different types of reading, places you can read & people you can read with. I pray that this list encourages you to stretch those reading skills!

### Wide Reading...

- Read a biography
- Read a blog and respond
- Read a book you love AGAIN
- Read a book with chapters
- Read a comic book
- Read an eBook or iBook
- Read a fairytale or myth
- Read a joke book
- Read a magazine
- Read a mystery
- Read a newspaper article
- Read a recipe book
- Read a picture book
- Read poetry
- Read a "how to" book
- Read and perform a play

### WILD Reading!

- Read with a flashlight
- Take turns reading a page at a time
- Read while eating
- Read in bed
- Read in the car
- Read closed-captioning on the TV
- Read in the bathtub (no water)
- Read past your bedtime
- Read while you wait at a restaurant or doctor's office
- Play reading games like Scrabble, Boggle, or crossword puzzles
- Listen to an audio book

### Sharing Reading...

- Read to the family pet
- Read to a parent or guardian
- Read to a sibling
- Read to a grandparent
- Read to a neighbor
- Read to a relative
- Read with friends
- Read to a baby
- Read to a stuffed animal
- Read to family faraway with Skype or Facetime
- Let mom or dad choose a book to read together
- Read song lyrics with a choir or the artist

Challenge: Share another way you found to read this summer!