

St. James
Elementary School
Supporting the Journey to Excellence

**SJE Dolphins... Your participation is requested to accept
our Summer Reading Challenge**

✓ **Rising K - 2nd Graders**

Bookmark Challenge or
Summer Reading Checklist Challenge

Rising 3rd - 4th Graders

BINGO Board or
Summer Reading Checklist Challenge
AND Summer Book Project

- ✓ I will keep track of my summer reading using the grade-level challenge attached (or *Alternate Summer Reading Program).
- ✓ I will turn in my completed Summer Reading Challenge Log to my 2022-23 classroom teacher on or before Friday, August 19, 2022.

✓ If all requirements are met, I will be invited to our:

**SJE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE ICE CREAM PARTY
on Friday, August 26th**

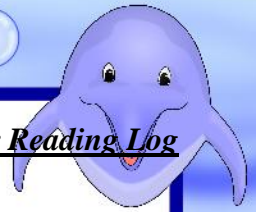
** Please see Ms. Sears's [Wakelet Site](#) for more information, including Alternate Summer Reading Programs offered:*

Summer Reading at SJE!!
<https://wke.lt/w/s/BPw6Bi>

Parent Tips:

- Predicting: Take a picture walk and ask your child questions about what might take place in the story.
- Read books over and over again – Practice with fluency and expression.
- Build reading accuracy – As your child is reading aloud, point out words missed and help read words correctly.
- Build reading comprehension – Talk with your child about what he/she is reading. Ask about new words and what they mean. Ask your child to tell you the plot of the story.
- Model reading and writing for your child. Be an active reader and writer; children learn habits from watching those around them.

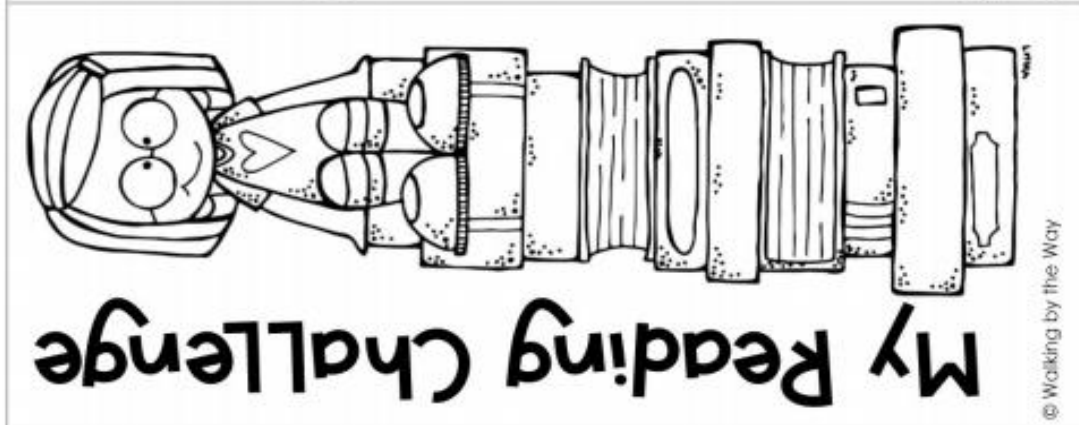
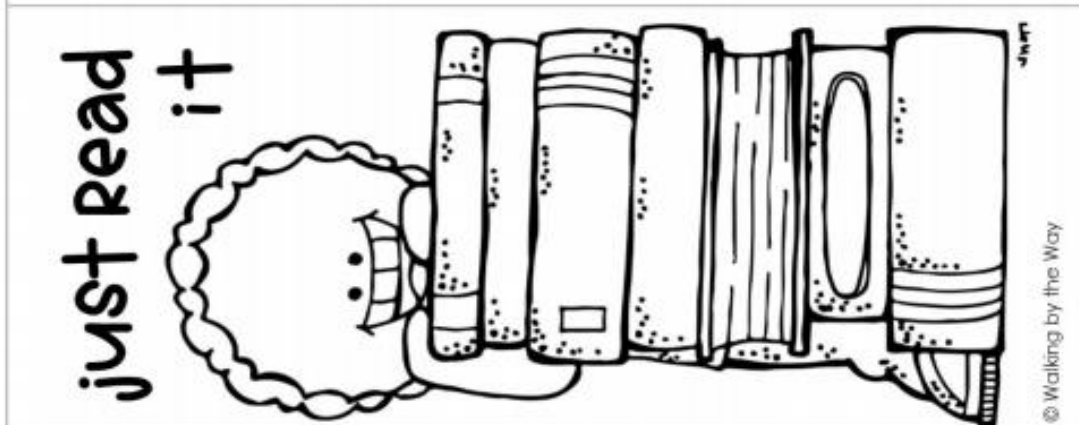
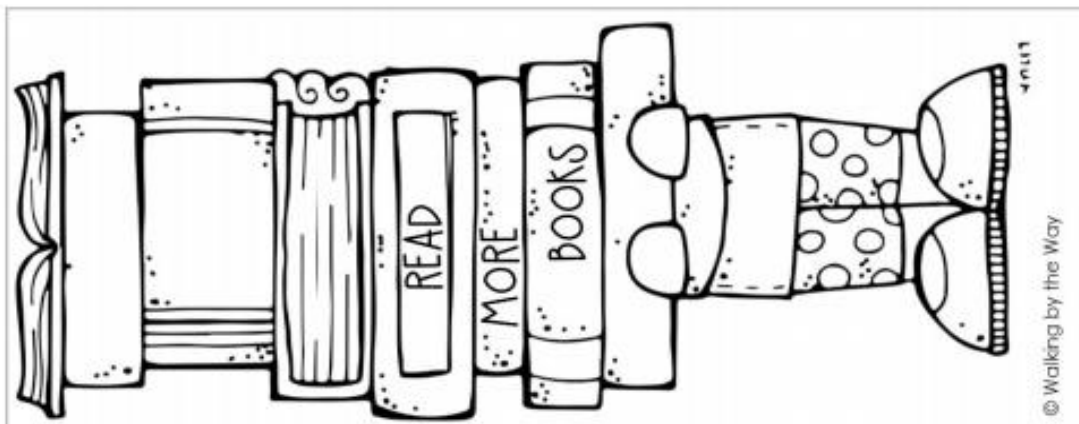




PRIMARY (Rising K-2) Students BOOKMARK CHALLENGE Summer Reading Log

DUE: Friday, August 19, 2022

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| Student First & Last Name: | 2022-2023 Homeroom Teacher: |
| Parent Signature: | |
| Title of Books I've Read: | |
| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |



Summer Reading Tips For Parents



Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading, and read for enjoyment.

Reading builds visualization, thinking, and language abilities. Taking the time to read with your child can help you evaluate your child's reading skills. If you discover that your child is having trouble with reading, he or she may have a learning disability. 80% of children with a learning disability have difficulty with basic reading and language. But early identification of such a disability gives a child the chance to develop ways to learn how to read effectively, and skills to lead a successful and productive life. A recent National Institutes of Health study showed that 67% of young students at risk for reading difficulties became average or above-average readers after receiving help in the early grades.

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach, or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.

It will only discourage the reading habit.

5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.

Listen to them in the car or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

6. Take your children to the library regularly.

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age-appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic World*.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer, and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read and listen to what they say.

8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

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Primary & Elementary Students SUMMER READING CHECKLIST CHALLENGE

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| Student First & Last Name: | 2022-2023 Homeroom Teacher: |
| Parent Signature: | |



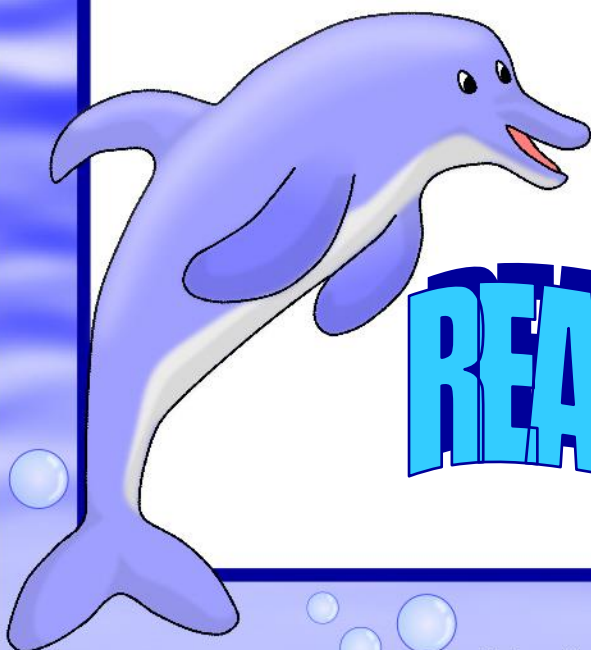
Summer Reading Checklist Challenge
Can you complete them all?



- Write a letter to the main character of your book (turn in with completed form)
- Join a Public Library Summer Reading Program
- Read a mystery
- Read a book about a place
- Read to your pet
- Read a magazine
- Read a true story (non-fiction)
- Read a book about animals
- Read in the car or on a bus
- Read in bed



- Face-time with a relative and read with them
- Read with a flashlight
- Read with a friend/partner. Take turns reading a page
- Swap favorite books with a friend
- Read a book you loved when you were little
- Read on vacation
- Read in a blanket fort
- Read a book about science
- Read under an umbrella
- Read at night



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