



Dear Trusted Adult,

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Author Brandon Mull has been quoted as saying, "While growing up, some of my most memorable experiences during those long summer breaks happened inside the pages of a book." We hope you and your student will be able to "escape and take a break this summer" with some good books!

Your child has worked very hard this school year. According to research, \* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading skills. That means 2 months of school are lost! Let's help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

\* Research from Reading is Fundamental

Happy Reading,

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### **Summer Reading Ideas:**

- Visit the bookstore
- Listen to books
- Take turns reading
- Find fun places to read
- Try a new book series
- Reread an old favorite
- Swap books with a friend
- Read books about places you hope to visit
- Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- Read books, then watch the movie version and compare
  - Visit the public library

**Governor's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge:**  
<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/ctread/connecticut-reads>

**K-5 Summer Reading Challenge:**

Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!

Each  represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes

