



HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer Reading Grades K-5

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills. You can continue this literacy support by making sure that your child has many opportunities to read and write throughout the summer. The Hingham Public Library is a wonderful resource for materials and programs to foster reading.

The attached reading list includes suggestions for you and your family's reading enjoyment. We have provided a range of levels and genres. To help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading level, follow the *Five Finger Rule*.

- ✧ Choose a passage (or book) of about 100 words
- ✧ When the reader comes to a word that he or she cannot pronounce correctly, a finger is put up
- ✧ If your child reaches the fifth finger, the book is too difficult. Choose a different book.

Remember to balance independent reading with read alouds. If a book is too difficult for your child, then read it to him/her and encourage a different book for reading. Fluent readers still like to be read to and to listen to books read to them on tape. For older readers, be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond their maturity level. The librarians are great sources of information in this area.

Proficient readers read lots of different types of texts. Read books or brochures about places where you may travel. Keep a journal of a special day or vacation. The library contains a wonderful collection of age-appropriate newspapers and magazines that children can read in order to learn interesting facts and information about their world. Don't forget to encourage reading comprehension by talking with your children about their books or asking them questions about the stories they are reading. Finally, remember to be a role model for your child. It is important for them to see you reading! Relax and read for pleasure!

Thank you for your support,

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