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Summer Reading: How Parents Can Help



How blissful it is to curl up on balmy- or sweltering- summer afternoon with a good book! In addition to the sheer joy, there are good reasons for students to read over the summer. We all know how important reading and writing are in our lives. Language arts, social studies, and science all rely on reading skills. Children and teens who love to read understand their world better. They also perform better academically and on tests such as the SSAT and SAT.

The research tells us that summer reading and writing prevent 'literacy loss'. Your student can maintain skills, and even see skills improve over the summer by reading in a variety of materials.

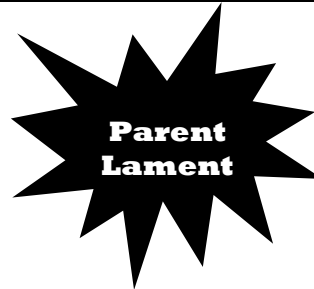
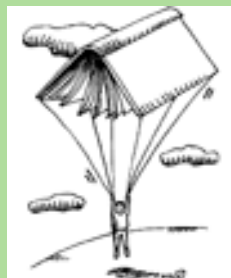
OLA students have just received their summer reading assignments. The assignment lists the books to be read and explains how students are to respond to their reading. Help your student make the most of this activity.

How can a parent help? It is preferable for students to own their own books. This allows them to underline words or make any notations they feel are necessary. The competent reader pays attention to a word that s/he

either cannot identify (sound out or recognize) OR cannot define. The most efficient way to expand one's vocabulary and enhance comprehension is for the reader to ask, "What is this word?" or "What does it mean?" The parent should simply answer the question rather than direct the student to a dictionary. Going to the dictionary interrupts comprehension—the real goal of reading.

Have a wonderful, reading-enriched summer!

Linda Kelley & Carol Rappold



"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"

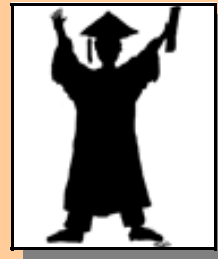
Dr. Seuss

8th Grade Graduation Information

8th Grade Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Students should arrive at 8:30 in the narthax of the church.

8th Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Students should arrive at 5:45 in the narthax of the church. The group graduation photo will be taken promptly at 6:00 pm. Please do not be late—we will not wait for late arrivals.

Good-bye Eighth Grade



What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.
E. Powell

All of OLA sends best wishes to our eighth graders. We love you. We'll miss you.

Summer Math

There is no summer math requirement; however, we will have a Summer Math Games link on the OLA School website for students to practice their skills.