

Summer Reading Activities

For each of the books you read this summer, choose a different assignment from the choices listed below.

Picnic Lunch

Create a sandwich model of the most important parts of your book.

Use a separate sheet of paper for each sandwich layer or use colored construction paper for each sandwich layer. On the top slice (the top piece of bread) write the title, author, and your name. On the lettuce, write a brief summary of the book (Tell what happened, to whom it happened, and how it ended). Was the person like you or different from you? How so?) On the turkey slice describe the plot (was was the main problem the character had and how was it solved?) On the bottom slice (the bottom piece of bread) draw your favorite scene from the story.

Tell me a Story

Write a paragraph telling about the book you read. Include the title, author, main characters, setting, problem and solution.

In the News

Create the front page of a newspaper that tells about events and characters in the book you just read. The title of the newspaper should be something appropriate to the book. In your article, answer the questions: Who, what, where, and when.

Be a set designer

Select an interesting setting from your book. Make a sketch of the setting and create a model of the setting using a shoebox. Design the shoe box as if it is a room from the story. Write a paragraph that tells WHY you chose this setting. You may include characters from the story in your shoebox setting.

Be a star

Using a video camera or webcam, create a script for your favorite part of the book and then, using a video camera or webcam, record yourself and/or others, acting out your favorite part. Be sure you are dressed as your character and try to make the setting similar to the book. At the end, summarize the book and tell why the scene you acted out is your favorite. You may do this with the camera or you may write it on paper.

Parents can help!

It is very important to help your child understand summer reading can be both fun and beneficial. Children who have a habit of reading not only learn to be better readers but they also perform better in school and receive higher grades. Summer reading keeps your child's brain working over the summer. With the right attitude, it can be enjoyable and relaxing.

Tips to help your child enjoy reading:

Set the PACE!

Lead by example. Let your child see YOU reading each day.

Find a PLACE!

Provide a space in your home with lots of different reading materials like books, newspapers, magazines, travel brochures, a dictionary, and/or a thesaurus.

Don't make it HARD!

Find time to read. Share a book with your children. Keep one with you in the car or your purse so that you can read and discuss while you are "out and about".

Get a Library Card!

The library is full of FREE reading opportunities and offers a quiet, air conditioned place to share a book!

Alhuda Academy 2010-2011 Summer Reading



For students entering fourth and fifth grade

Asalaamu Alaikum from Alhuda Academy. This is our Summer Reading Program. We have used the Worcester Public School system as a guide to create this program for students at Alhuda Academy.

Our intent is to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading for the sake of reading. Summer reading is required of our students. The choice of what to read is up to parents and students. Please check to see if the book is Islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books.

Summer Reading is a requirement:

- Choose to read any five books
- Complete an activity for each of the five books
- Counts for 10% of first quarter Language Arts grade

You can find books in Worcester!

Borrow a book:

Go to the Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Street Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 799-1655
www.worcpublic.org

Make sure you return borrowed books on time and undamaged!!

Buy a new book:

- Barnes and Nobles Bookstore, 541 Lincoln St
- Benjamin Franklin Bookstore, Salem St
- Walden Books Greendale Mall
- Sam's Warehouse or BJ's
- Walmart, Target, or Kmart

Islamic Books

- www.astrolabe.com
- www.islamicity.com/bazar
- www.dar-us-salam.com
- www.goodwordbooks.com

Buy a used book:

- Friends of the Library Bookstore, Salem St
- Goodwill, 25 Park Ave
- Salvation Army, 72 Cambridge St

When choosing a book, consider these excellent authors. If you need help, ask your teacher, your librarians, your parents, or your friends.

Islamic Books and Authors

The Junior Encyclopedia of Islam by Saniyasnain Khan

Devotion among Animals by Harun Yahya

The Book of Ibns-The Amazing Sons of Islam by Luqman Nagy

Cheng Ho: Admiral of the East by Julia Marshall

IQ-Islamic Quiz Book 1, 2, and 3 by Jamal UnNisa

My Name is Bilal by Asma Mobin-Uddin

Parent's Love by Ishrat J. Romy

The Muslim Way of Speaking by Harun Yahya

Title, Author

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Bill Peet: An Autobiography by Bill Peet

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Stuart Little by E. B. White

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse