

What to Expect

At the beginning of the school year, students will be asked to bring in their activities to be graded by the classroom teacher.

Students should also read at least 1 self-selected book in addition to the required novel based on their own interest.

How to Get the Books

Parents can either check-out the books from the public library or purchase them at a book store or download them onto their electronic device.



What Can Parents Do?

Participate in summer reading programs at the public library.

Show your children that reading is important to you through:

- Modeling good reading habits
- Having plenty of reading materials at home
- Making time to read as a family
- Designating an hour a day just for books
- Visiting the public library once a week
- While on vacation, buy books about your destination and read them together

Coral Reef Elementary



2018 Summer Reading Program

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Summer Reading is Important

Numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents "summer reading loss." This loss is cumulative. Children don't catch up in the fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skill. By the end of 6th grade, children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind their classmates. This deficit only grows with each year. Students who read during the summer months not only retain their skills, but develop them further, better preparing them for the next school year.



Summer Requirements

The Coral Reef Elementary Summer Reading Program is designed to help students minimize or eliminate summer reading loss.

Each child will be required to read one school-selected book. Students will then complete an activity to promote comprehension and engagement. Students will select one activity from the Activity Choice Grade-Level List. Students will also be administered the Accelerated Reader (AR) Test for the required book for their grade level.

Required Book List by Incoming Grade Level

Grade	Title	Author
1	Biggest, Strongest, Fastest	Steve Jenkins
2	Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathman
3	The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies
4	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume
5	Wonder	Raquel Jaramillo

Activity Choices

Select one activity from the list below.

1st Grade	Pick your favorite animal and design a book mark. Draw your animal on the front and write three sentences in your own words that describe your animal on the back
	Pick a different animal to add to the story. Illustrate it and write three sentences to describe your animal.
2nd Grade	Write a postcard to a friend recommending the book. Draw illustrations.
	Create a new Safety Tip. Write it on a star-shaped paper 8 ½ x 11 inches. Illustrate the new Safety Tip.
3rd Grade	Re-write a scene from the book and include yourself as a character. Include an illustration of the scene with you in it.
	Draw and create a poster advertising your book so someone else will want to read it.
4th Grade	Write a one page "pitch" to a producer explaining why the story would make a great movie.
	Create a 3 slide power point presentation that promotes your book. Include 3 major events in the book.
5th Grade	Write a one sentence summary for each individual chapter.
	Rewrite the story for younger children in picture book form.

