

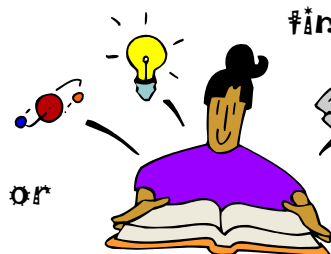


# AACS - Lower School Summer Reading Program



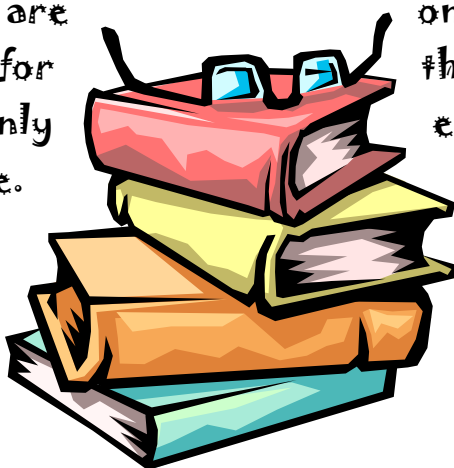
Are you hoping to keep your child's mind active this summer? Do you want your child to be better prepared to start the next grade level? Would your child like to receive a nifty AACS goodie bag when school resumes? Then read on...

First, make sure your child has his own library card. Next, take your child to the library and tell him to choose any magazine, book, playaway, audio/CD book, etc. Then, find time each day to read to or with your child, and



time for your child to read on his own. It could be in the car (to and from sports or other activities), while you are cooking dinner, right after breakfast, lunch or dinner, when your child gets up in the morning, right before your child goes to bed, or the best suggestion is before your child turns on the television or video games - have him do his daily reading!

Attached are suggestions to get your child reading and a few other ideas. We are only expecting forty days of reading for the summer, but we would certainly encourage daily reading, if possible.



## **What Can My Child Read?**

- magazines
- newspapers
- comic books
- audios/CD's of books, playaways (Almost any book your child wants in the library will have an audio to go along with it. Ask at the reference desk).
- download audio-books from iTunes or audible.com (or through the public library)
- game directions/manuals
- the same book a friend is reading
- Bibles, Bible story books, Devotionals for children

## **What Can I Do After My Child Reads?**

-While reading the book or after the book, ask your child any of these questions:

What do you like/dislike about this book?

What do you think will happen next?

Who are the main characters and what problems/adventures are they going through?

What happened at the beginning of the book? Middle? End?

Do any of the characters remind you of anyone you know?

Does this book remind you of any other book you've read?

Do the characters in this book experience anything that you've experienced? (Example: vacation, a family tradition, playing a specific sport/instrument, having a crazy relative, fighting with a sibling, etc.).

What is something in the book that you could picture clearly in your head?

What did you learn by reading this book?

Was there a message you think the author was trying to get across to you?

Would you like to read another book by this author?

\*Remember that reading to your child is just as important as having him read to you. You can even take turns reading.

### **How Else Can I Keep My Child's Mind Active?**

-Have your child keep a journal. Have him date it and write about what he does each day. He can also illustrate his entry and label his illustration.

-Have your child research a topic of his choice on the internet. For example, if your child is interested in lacrosse, he could find a picture of a lacrosse player, and then list or "web" important/interesting information about lacrosse. It could be as simple as gluing a picture in the middle of a paper, and having your child "web" the information around it. Example:

#### **How to Teach My Dog Tricks:**



-Play concentration games with sight words, spelling words, math facts, or any vocabulary your child has learned this year. A simple game is called the "Magic Hat" game. Choose your child's favorite hat and any words you want him to review. Put the words on index cards and put them into the hat. Your child chooses a word out of the hat. If he can pronounce/tell its definition, your child gets to keep the card. If not, it goes back into the hat. Play continues until all cards are out of the hat. (This can be used to review math facts, as well).

-Have your child read and write book reviews for Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com. There are also various children's books' websites that have book reviews where he can read what others are saying about the book he might be considering reading.

-Listen to Rock and Learn CD's to review math facts, phonics, states/capitals, presidents, etc. Watch short videos on YouTube to review phonics' sounds, learn new things (Ex. origami), or to review

concepts. There are so many concepts set to music, which your child could listen to this summer (in the car, with an iPod, iPad etc.....)

-Have your child sign up to get prizes for the books he reads at various summer reading programs. Barnes and Noble gives away a free book after a certain number of books read. The public library also gives away prizes for books read. Both programs start immediately after school lets out. Another program, similar to our AR program can be found at [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) (Prizes are sent to your house)! Also, check out online the Scholastic Summer Challenge, the iVillage PBS Kids Summer Reading Challenge, and the TD Bank Summer Reading Program

-Start a neighborhood book club, divided by ages. Celebrate with a theme related party when everyone finishes the book.

-Find an author or series your child likes and challenge him to complete the whole series by the end of the summer.

-To check to see the reading level of a book for Accelerated Reader, go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). All you need to do is type in the title. This will not only tell you what level a book is but also how many points it's worth.

**Other websites you might want to check out:**

[www.biblewordgames.com](http://www.biblewordgames.com)

[www.learningtolearn.biz/Free\\_Educational\\_Games.html](http://www.learningtolearn.biz/Free_Educational_Games.html)

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.abbacomics.com](http://www.abbacomics.com)

[www.math-play.com/index.html](http://www.math-play.com/index.html)

[www.puzzlechoice.com/pc/Kids\\_choicex.html](http://www.puzzlechoice.com/pc/Kids_choicex.html)

[www.discoverykid.com](http://www.discoverykid.com)

[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com)

[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)

[www.4kids.org](http://www.4kids.org)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.animalplanet.com](http://www.animalplanet.com)

[www.dltk-teach.com](http://www.dltk-teach.com)

[www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com)

[www.edhelper.com/wordfind.htm](http://www.edhelper.com/wordfind.htm)

[www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/usaquiz](http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/usaquiz)

[www.fablevision.com/braincogs/](http://www.fablevision.com/braincogs/) (Download for a free 30 day trial)!

[www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

[www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com)

[www.blogspot.com](http://www.blogspot.com)

[www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)

[www.thecutestblogontheblock.com](http://www.thecutestblogontheblock.com)

Proverbs 2:10 "For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul."