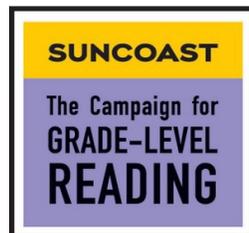


The Suncoast Campaign for
Grade-Level Reading

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Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge Newsletter

Welcome to the 2020 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge! We're honored that you've chosen to participate in this year.

WHAT IS THE SUNCOAST SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

The Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge is a community-wide effort serving Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. Our focus is on helping children, especially those from low-income families, succeed in life by ensuring they read on grade level by the end of their third-grade year. Research shows that students can lose up to 30% of what they've learned during the school year if no academic work is done during the summer. That's where the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge comes in! Our goal is to help students maintain or increase their reading level while they are out of school.

Rita is here to help you choose that just-right book using the Five Finger Rule!

Sometimes choosing a book that is just right is tough! Aid students with this task by teaching them the [Five Finger Rule](#).

- Choose a book and read the first page or two.
- Put one finger up for every word you don't know
- If five of your fingers go up while reading, choose another book.
- If only two or three fingers go up, you have found just the right book!

**Suncoast Summer
Reading Challenge
2020
Let's Up our Game!**



Why Summer Reading Works

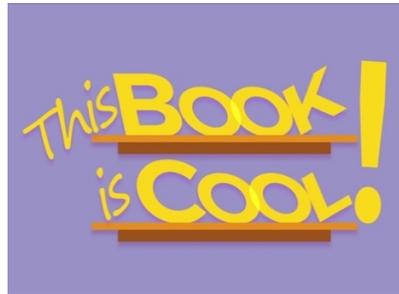
Research shows that children who do not read regularly can lose two months or more of reading skills over the summer. Reading just six books at the appropriate reading level during the summer can help your child soar during the school year.

What Do Good Readers Do?

They keep reading! Our goal at the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) is to strengthen students reading skills. We want to help bridge the gap between the school year and summertime. Many students experience a decline in reading proficiency simply because they aren't reading during the summer months. The Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge is one way to encourage students to continue reading even though they're not at school.



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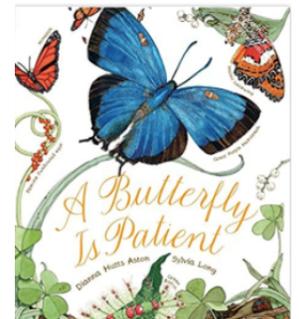
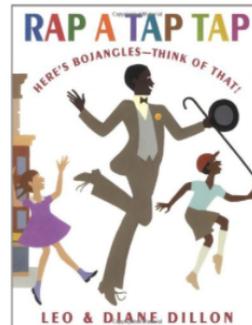
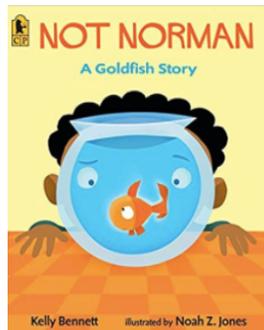


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***THIS BOOK IS COOL!* is a series of 100 webisodes to encourage a love of reading.**

Each 10–15-minute webisode features a selected book, a special guest, new vocabulary words, and a suggested activity that goes with the book. Check back weekly throughout the summer for new webisodes, and remember, reading is the key to succeeding!

Check out these featured books from *This Book Is Cool!*



Summer Reading Tips!
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Read Aloud

Even if your child is old enough to read by themselves, reading aloud together is a powerful tool in motivating your child to read.

READING STRATEGIES, TIPS, AND TRICKS!

In this section, you will find reading tips, skills, and strategy suggestions for engaging your campers in the love of reading!

READING STRATEGY TIP: Word Attack

Word attack skills are a key component to building a strong foundation in readers. Allowing a student to sound out unfamiliar words, rather than simply saying the word for them, also helps build their vocabulary.

One phrase you can say to students who are struggling with sounding out a word is, "Get your mouth ready!" For example, if a student is trying to sound out the word WITH, we want the student to purse his/her lips as if they're getting ready to whistle. This is what their mouth should feel like when preparing to make the "w" sound in the word with. "Get your mouth ready!" is just one of many word attack skills that you can use with students as they navigate new words in a story!

SUMMER READING IN ACTION!



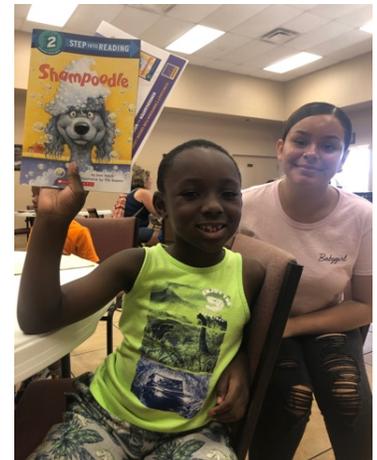
"Never underestimate the valuable and important difference you make in every life you touch for the impact you make today has a powerful rippling effect on every tomorrow." ~ Leon Brown

We want to highlight your camp during the 2020 Suncoast Summer Reading Program. Share with us how your campers and families are connecting, learning, and evolving through the Summer Reading Challenge!



Ave941 is leading the charge to the 2020 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge by providing books to all the campers!

This camper from Ave941 proudly shows the book he earned by being a topnotch listener as his reading buddy read aloud to him!



Have you thought about using social media to share your thoughts? Tweet, or post to Facebook or Instagram about your camp's success! Be sure to tag SCGLR too! @SuncoastCGLR #SummerRC2020 #GLReading @readingby3rd @ThePattersonFoundation @summerlearning.