



Parents and Students,

Summer is upon us and it is time for relaxing and fun in the sun! Here at VBFS we want our students to enjoy their summer vacation, but also continue to keep in place the skills they have attained this school year. Summer reading is an integral part of maintaining those skills for the upcoming school year.

Many studies have shown that students who do not read, or read infrequently, over the summer break may experience the dreaded “summer slide”- a decline in skills. In order to prevent that, it is recommended that middle school students have at least 30 minutes of reading each day. These dedicated reading times can include many different types of reading material such as newspapers, letters, online material and of course books!

Let’s help our Middle School students not become “rusty readers”, by encouraging them to complete their required summer reading before the new school year. Below is a list of local Summer Reading Program links that may be helpful and fun for the students to participate in.

Summer Reading Programs

- Virginia Beach Public Library Summer Reading Challenge (June 7th-August 14th)
<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/pages/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>
- Norfolk Public Library
<https://www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org>
- Chesapeake Library Summer Reading Program
<https://chesapeake.beanstack.com/reader365>
- Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program (July 1st-August 31st)
https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2021/BN_Summer_Reading_21_Journal_English.pdf
- Books-a-Million Summer Reading Program (mid-May - Summer)
<https://www.booksamillion.com/summeradventure>

Thank you and have a great summer!

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