



Dear Parents,

Reading is one of the most important skills there is. Indeed, it is the foundation of almost all future learning for your child at Hilldale School and beyond. Families who encourage daily reading and writing will have more successful children. Your support at home is essential!

Reading experts note that most young readers suffer a back slide in reading skills during the summer down time. But that need not be the case! Families can make reading a priority during the summer. You can help your child succeed by the positive attitude you take toward reading to your child and hearing him/her read to you, by the expressive voice intonation you use, by questioning about what you and your child have read and about what your child can see in a book's pictures, and by the encouragement you express to your child as they try out their reading in a variety of venues. Please help to make reading a priority during the coming summer!

Every Hilldale student is encouraged to read as much as possible during the summer vacation. A list of recommended titles follows, and each student is **required** to independently read Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. We will start the year off by discussing this story and doing corresponding activities during the opening days of school, so please make sure your child is ready to participate. We hope you will supplement the required reading with other books that you and your child choose from this or any other summer reading list. Children should spend some time reading every day during the summer.

Summer Reading List  
Incoming Second Grade

**Required for all:**

Flat Stanley\*

Jeff Brown

\*original story with text copyright of 1964

**Suggestions:**

Nate, the Great series

Magic Treehouse series

American Girl series

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Ramona Series

The Pieces of Home

Cam Jansen series

Space Cat

Glenda

The Sword in the Tree

Shoeshine Girl

Molly's Pilgrim

Hill of Fire

Ben and Me

Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express

The Drinking Gourd

The Hundred Penny Box

Stuart Little

"Let's Read and Find Out" Science series

Marjorie Sharmat

Mary Pope Osborne

Connie Porter, et al

Beverly Cleary

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Miska Miles

David Alder

Ruthven Todd

Janice May Udry

Clyde Bulla

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Barbara Cohen

Thomas Lewis

Robert Lawson

Eleanor Coerr

F.N. Monjo & Fred Brenner

Sharon Bell Mathis

E.B. White