

NORWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vinal and Cole Elementary Schools



Summer Reading 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. In school, students have accessed their classroom libraries and learned to select books appropriate for them and of interest to them. We want our students to continue to take ownership of their reading lives by choosing a variety of books to enjoy. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills, maintaining reading stamina, and fostering a love of reading. This year we are asking that every child/family read as many books, titles, genres, and series of books as they can throughout the summer. In addition to students' independent reading, parents and families are encouraged to participate through read alouds, audiobooks, neighborhood book clubs, and visits to the library.

The Norwell Public Library is an excellent place to find books. The librarian is a wealth of information for book choice, favorite titles, levels, and genres. Every summer the library promotes summer reading by sponsoring a variety of literacy activities for all age/grade levels. The grand opening for the new building was mid-June, please check the website for visiting guidelines. This year's NPL summer reading programming is titled 'Tails and Tales'. The James Library in Norwell Center also has a children's section. We encourage families to take advantage of these excellent community resources.

In addition to the libraries, the Norwell Public Schools website has a link to Elementary Summer Reading (<https://www.norwellschools.org/Page/8118>). The elementary Reading and Literacy Coordinators and elementary Librarians have worked together to provide many resources, book lists, and links to support students and families in choosing books to read.

Before students leave for the summer, teachers will help students create a summer reading plan. The plan will include titles of books and/or topics they would like to read, along with goals. Find a place to post the plan as a reminder to be a reader all through the summer! In the fall when students return to school they will be asked to share the books they read through book talks, "book tasting", book reviews, and recommendations with their new classmates and teacher. This will be the perfect way to kick off the new school year - celebrating our community of readers.

Thank you for your support and for making sure your child has many opportunities to read throughout the summer.

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Summer Math 2021

We are passionate about making mathematics meaningful and engaging for our students throughout the school year. To continue to foster your child's love and appreciation of mathematics over the summer, we are providing you with some ideas and resources that will be a great addition to your family time. Math is a part of our everyday lives, so be sure to highlight it when shopping (have your child estimate the total cost of your purchase), when cooking (have your child measure the ingredients or halve/double the recipe), when watching sports (share what the statistics mean), or when planning a day trip or vacation (give your child the budget and have him/her help plan the trip). Math is everywhere - take the time this summer to observe the beauty of the world around you and all the math that exists within it, from the geometric shapes of architecture to the natural symmetry of nature. We can't wait to hear all about your child's summer experiences!

- **Board Games and Card Games** - enjoy family time while practicing math and other critical life-long skills!
 - Classic Board Games: Chutes and Ladders, The Game of Life, Monopoly Jr., Yahtzee, Battleship
 - 24 Game
 - Spot It
 - Blokus
 - Tenzi
 - Card Games - all you need is a deck of cards!
 - Go Fish - matching pairs or Make a Ten (take out J, Q, K): I have a 3 in hand, "Do you have a 7?"
 - Memory - matching pairs, Make a Ten (take out 10, J, Q, K)
 - Top-It ("War") with variations - compare single cards, add 2 (or 3) cards and compare, multiply 2 (or 3) cards and compare, create a fraction less than one and compare
 - 1 through 10 ("Trash")
 - Jigsaw Puzzles (set up a space and do one over time, no rush to have it done in one sitting!)
 - Build with Legos or Blocks

- **Online Games and Apps**
 - Greg Tang's Summer Math Challenge - <http://gregtangmath.com/summer> - online games and printable puzzles for those entering 1st grade through 6th grade
 - Reflex (for students entering grade 3-6) - Students entering 3rd through 6th grade have online access to their Reflex accounts all summer long. Be sure to "get the green light."
 - Bedtime Math App - article: <https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/42361/how-adding-math-to-a-childs-home-routine-can-advance-achievement>
 - Illuminations Website (<https://illuminations.nctm.org/>) (Search for the following games: Concentration, Five Frames, Ten Frames, How Many Under the Shell, Factor Game, Fraction Game)
 - Daily Set Puzzle (<https://www.setgame.com/set/puzzle>)
 - <http://www.abcya.com/> (games and activities for practice)

Happy Summer!