



Summer Reading Challenge

2022



Welcome to the Inspirus Summer Reading Challenge!

It's no secret we love reading. Annually, we hold a summer reading challenge. This year is a little different. While we aren't holding our official challenge, we invite you to join our DIY version. Inside this packet, you will find all you need to challenge and inspire your young readers this summer.

We've included tips to cultivate a love of reading, book suggestions for different age levels, and a reading log. Try setting a goal, such as the number of books read, minutes read, the number of consecutive days read, and hang the reading log in a common area so they can track their progress! Pick a fun reward together to celebrate reaching this milestone.

Here's to Summer 2022 and all the adventures our littles can have through books and their imagination!

• Happy reading!



Tips for Reading Success

Set a 20-minute timer

A short, daily time to read creates a habit that cultivates a love for reading. Consistency always wins!

Have books easily accessible

Easy access is key. Front-facing bookshelves are a favorite for us!

Create a reading nook

Don't overthink it. Grab some books and pillows and use a bedside table and lamp to create a cozy reading corner.

Let them read easy books

Reading doesn't always need to be a challenge! Let your kids pick an easy and fun read.

Read in fun places

Take your reading on the go! To the park or even the backyard, get outside and have fun.

Set a goal with a reward

Decide on a goal of # of books read, pages read, days read (get creative!), then pick a fun reward to celebrate!



Suggested Reading List

Age 0-5

Dear Mama's Loving Arms by Ceece Kelley
Sloan Saves the Day: Sharing is Caring by Laci Swann
Whose Toes are Those by Jabari Asim
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfizer
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
When God Made You by Matthew Turner
A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
Hair Love by Vashti Harrison
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Peen
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Boxitects by Kim Smith
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
I Love You to the Moon and Back by Robert Munsch
Eyes That Kiss in the Corner by Joanna Ho
The World Need More Purple People by Kristen Bell
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwell
Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller
Bedtime by Nikk Grimes
I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes
Bream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison
Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung
Kindness Makes us Strong by Sophie Beer
When I Pray for You by Matthew Paul Turner

Suggested Reading List

Age 6-8

You Were Created by Alicia Kennedy
The Adventures of Us: The Story of Guion by Tierra Haynes
I Can't, I Can't... I Can by Chynna Denny
Kintsugi Kid by Allison Jones
My Skin, Your Skin, Where do Genes Begin? by Devon Scott & Keonna Scott
Moon Born Wolf Child by Morgan H. Jennings
The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
I am Enough by Grace Byers
Rosie Revere Engineer by Andrea Beaty
Little People, Big Dreams Series by Multiple Authors
Zoey and Sassafras Books by Asia Citro
Ana and Andrew Series by Christine Platt
The Story of Series by Multiple Authors
The Notebook of Doom Series by Troy Cummings
What do You do With a Problem by Kobi Yamada
Parker Looks Up by Parker Curry
What do You do With an Idea by Kobi Yamada
Ada Twist Scientist by Andrea Beaty
What do You do With a Chance? by Kobi Yamada
Iggly Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty
Nailah and Nash Take Paris by Jawad Williams
Where is My Light: A Little One Finds Comfort at Bedtime
with the Power of Prayer by Kim Green
You Are Gifted by Alicia Kennedy

Suggested Reading List

Age 9-12

Project Nimrod by Anadia Darden
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
Isaiah Dunn is My Hero by Kelly J. Baptist
The Ice Monster by David Williams
Awesome Friendly Kid by Jeff Kinney
What if a Fish by Anika Fajardo
Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories by Jeff Kinney
Simon B. Rhymin by Dwayne Reed
When the Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jameison
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
Sophie Washington Series by Tonya Duncan Ellis
Planet Omar Series by Zanib Mian

