

Boca Raton Christian School

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Dear BRCS Parents:



Research indicates that students fall about three months behind in reading achievement during the summer unless they read regularly.¹ **Learning or reading skill losses during the summer months are cumulative, creating a wider gap each year between more proficient and less proficient students. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement.**

Benefits of summer reading

- Improved reading and writing skills
- Increased desire to read
- Improved self-esteem
- Improved knowledge and neutralize summer learning loss
- Improved vocabulary and comprehension
- Improved analytical thinking, focus and concentration, and memory skills

You will find the **BRCS Suggested Summer Reading Lists** at <https://www.bocachristian.org/resources/academic/>. We highly encourage your child to read from the suggested reading list as these books are a selection of quality children's literature. Talk over the list with your son/daughter and agree upon a summer reading goal. I suggest that you determine a reward for your child if the summer reading goal is met. You may also count books that you have read to your child until he/she has finished Kindergarten. Reading logs will be used for K3-Kindergarten only. Keep track of the titles, authors, and number of pages read over the summer and remember to ask comprehension questions. Reading Counts points will be used to track reading progress in grades 1-5. Reading Counts quizzes may be taken when school starts in the fall.

To access eBooks, go to BocaChristian.org-Resources-Library Catalog. Login using the same username and password as Reading Counts. UN: last name first initial four digits of graduation year. PW: brcs four digits of graduation year. (For adults, just remove the graduation year.) eBooks can be checked out for one week and are returned automatically. There are never any late fees on eBooks! If you have problems, please contact the Media Center or email me at the address below.

Battle of the Books for grades 3-5 will take place before Thanksgiving and students may start reading the books. The list is on both the school website under Academic Resources and on Destiny Discover in Collections.

We encourage you to donate books that your children have outgrown. This is a great way to share good books and benefit the Media Center!

Wise men store up knowledge... Proverbs 10:14a

Good reading this summer!

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¹Lundstrom, Meg. "Stop the Reading Slide." *Instructor*. Scholastic, May 14, 2005 < http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/May05_reading.htm>.