


Each  = 15 minutes of reading



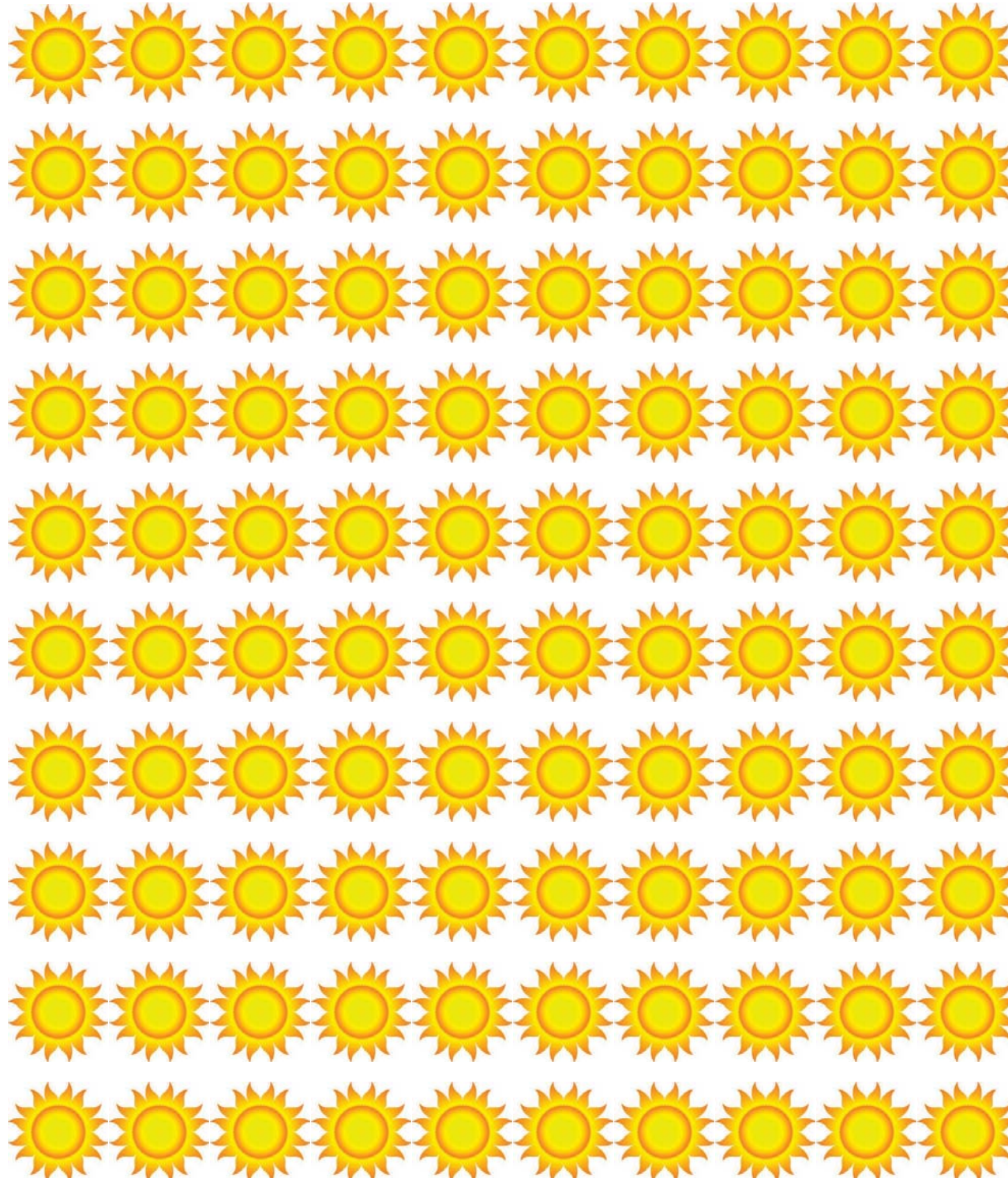
Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard all year in school! Research shows that students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. This translates into a “summer slide” of about two months loss in reading progress!

You can help reduce summer slide by encouraging your child to read over the summer. A little bit every day can make a BIG difference – whether it’s a book, a recipe, a menu or an article in a newspaper or magazine. There are opportunities everywhere!

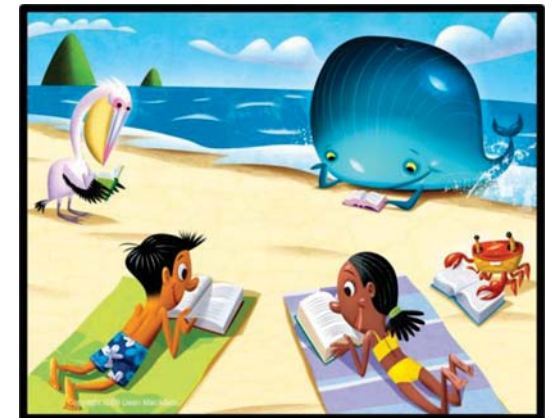
In order for your child to receive credit for his/her summer reading, **be sure to return this form during the first week of school.**

Here’s to making this a great summer of reading!



# Summer Reading

A Guide  
for Parents



## Recommended Authors

### Grades K-2

Margaret Wise Brown  
Eric Carle  
Leo Leonni  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Dr. Seuss  
Patricia Polacco  
Barbara Park  
Donald Crews  
Lois Ehlert  
Bill Martin Jr.  
Jan Brett  
Marc Brown  
Tomie DePaola  
Maurice Sendak  
Jane Yolen  
Gail Gibbons

### Grades 3-5

Sharon Creech  
Louis Sachar  
Lemony Snicket  
Shel Silverstein  
Kate DiCamillo  
Jeff Kinney  
RJ Palacio  
Lois Lowry  
Jack Prelutsky  
Diane Stanley  
Beverly Cleary  
Lauren Tarsis  
EB White  
Roald Dahl  
Judy Blume  
Jean Fritz  
Seymour Chwast

# YOU ARE INVITED!

We invite you to participate in The Summer Reading Challenge! Can you check off ALL of the sun shapes on the back of this pamphlet? Will you find a very unusual place to do some of your summer reading? Are you going to read enough hours to win some prizes when you come back to school in September? WE HOPE SO!! Just follow the steps below!

Step 1: On the lines below, fill out your name, the grade you will enter in September, and your new teacher's name (if you know it).

Step 2: Start reading! Every time you read for 15 minutes, neatly put a check mark in one sun on the back of this page. WHAT?? You read for 30 minutes? Check off 2 suns!!

Step 3: Keep reading! Make time every day if you can. Remember, you can read books, magazines, poems, recipes, menus – anything and everything you can get your hands on! Make sure to read both fiction AND non-fiction – it's good to try all kinds of books!

Step 4: Ask your parent or guardian to sign below to show how proud they are of all of the reading you did!

Step 5: Return this completed form to your new teacher during the first week of school in September.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

# of hours I read \_\_\_\_\_ The BEST place I read \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Reading Ideas

- Visit Richard's Memorial Library
- Visit a local bookstore
- Listen to books while driving
- Take turns reading
- Find fun places to read
- Try a new book series
- Re-read an old favorite
- Swap books with a friend
- Find books at a thrift store

Check out these summer reading challenges:

- [Scholastic.com/summer](http://Scholastic.com/summer)
- Bookworm Wednesdays at Showcase Cinemas
- TD Bank Summer Reading [www.tdbank.com/summerreading](http://www.tdbank.com/summerreading)

