

How to Instill a Love of Reading in Your Child this Summer

Reading over the summer is one of the easiest ways to combat summer learning loss. [Numerous studies indicate](#) that children who don't read at all, or even read infrequently during the summer, see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. Reading each day goes a long way towards developing valuable vocabulary and comprehension skills.

The great thing about reading is that it's convenient for anyone because books can be read anywhere. What better time than summer for children to take advantage of the [Kumon Recommended Reading List](#) (RRL).

Here are a few simple ways to encourage a love of reading this summer:

- 1. Set a good example.** If you and other family members read and talk about books, your children will likely do the same. Try incorporating family reading time into your morning routine— a time of day when most children are accustomed to learning activities.
- 2. Create a reading-friendly environment at home.** It's important to make sure that books are readily available and visible in your home. Try creating a reading corner with comfortable pillows and blankets with child-size bookshelves. [Children who read four or more books](#) over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall.
- 3. Match books to their reading ability and interest.** Children should read books that match their ability and interests. These options may not necessarily correspond to their age or grade. This is why the books on the RRL are listed according to difficulty, rather than age. Your children will likely be more engaged in books they choose for themselves.
- 4. Visit the local library.** Once you and your children have identified books that match their ability and interest, schedule regular trips to the local library. Libraries are a great resource year-round, but especially during the summer months. Most offer free summer reading clubs and activities.

Ready to take advantage of our tips? Check out a few of our suggestions from the [Kumon Recommended Reading List](#).

[Curious George Flies a Kite](#) by Margaret Rey
Level AI

Curious George's adventures in this tale include losing a baby bunny, falling into the water while fishing and being carried up way above the earth by a kite. As always, the man with the yellow hat comes to the rescue.

The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship by Arthur Ransome

Level D

The winner of the 1969 Caldecott Medal. When the Czar proclaims that he will marry his daughter to the man who brings him a flying ship, the Fool of the World sets out to try his luck and meets some unusual companions on the way.

Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright

Level F

A few hours after nine-year-old Garnet Linden finds a silver thimble in the dried-up riverbed, the rains come and end the long drought on the farm. The rains bring safety for the crops and the livestock, and money for Garnet's father. Garnet can't help feeling that the thimble is a magic talisman, for the summer proves to be interesting and exciting in so many different ways.

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Level K

William Shakespeare's most popular comedy portrays the adventures of four young lovers, a group of amateur actors and their interactions with woodland fairies and a duke and duchess. Taking place in a mythical Athens and an enchanted forest, there is a handsome fairy king, a misguided parent, star-crossed lovers, a weaver who's transformed into a half-donkey, wood spirit and elves. This work is widely performed in theaters around the world.