



Dear Parents,

Toffolonians will be celebrating reading all summer long! Over vacation or while relaxing at home, please take pictures of your child reading! When school opens in the fall we will have a slideshow of the pictures at Town Meeting. Students will also have a chance to win some superlatives with their photos such as coziest reading place, most distant reading place, coolest reading place, wildest reading place, coolest reading place, and more. You can send the pictures through email to [toffolonphotos@yahoo.com](mailto:toffolonphotos@yahoo.com) or you can have your child bring them in the first week of school. See the Toffolon website for more information.

Reading over the summer is crucial to your child's success in school next year! Studies have clearly shown that students' reading skills decline dramatically when they don't read over the summer. Studies have also shown that reading scores improve when students read consistently over the summer months.

Please encourage your child to read over the summer. On the back of this notice are tips and resources to help make your summer of reading fun and exciting.

We will be submitting students reading records for the governor's summer reading challenge. Our goal is for 100% participation.

Thank you for your continued support!

# READING TIPS

1. **Integrate reading into everyday life** - At the start of the summer, discuss summer reading expectations with your child. Together figure out a consistent time everyday where your child will be expected to read. Set a goal of at least 20 minutes a day.
2. **Spend time at the local library** - The Plainville Public Library has many fun summer reading activities planned. They have all of the latest and greatest books and will be happy to make recommendations for your child. Be sure to schedule enough time so your child finds books he/she is interested in and are on the appropriate reading level.
3. **Read together** - Enjoying stories together is a great way to bond with your child. Discuss the stories. Read aloud to your child books that may be too challenging for them to read independently. Have your child read books they can read independently to a younger sibling or friend.

The websites below are valuable resources to help keep your child to be an active reader over the summer. They are all linked on the Toffolon Home Page.

## Online Stories -

\*Screen Actors Guild - <http://www.storylineonline.net/>  
PBS Between the Lions - <http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/>  
Online Stories for Kids - <http://www.sundhagen.com/babbooks/>  
Speakaboos - <http://www.speakaboos.com/>  
Beantime Stories - <http://www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html>  
Magic Keys - <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>  
Internet Public Library - <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/storyhour/>  
One More Story - <http://www.onemorestory.com/>  
Storyline - [http://www.bcplonline.org/kidspage/kids\\_storyline.html](http://www.bcplonline.org/kidspage/kids_storyline.html)



## Reading Fun

\*Kids Read - <http://www.kidsreads.com/> - A great place for kids to read about new books and authors  
Spaghetti Book Club - <http://www.spaghettibookclub.org/> - Children can read and write reviews  
Scholastic - <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/> - Participate in an online summer reading challenge

## Reading Lists by Age and Subject

<http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>  
<http://www.pkwy.k12.mo.us/panda/subjectlinks/elemreading.html>  
[http://www.townschool.com/library/summer\\_reading.php](http://www.townschool.com/library/summer_reading.php) (for boys)  
<http://www.sfpl.org/sfplonline/kids/booklist.htm>  
<http://www.bpl.org/kids/booksmags.htm>  
<http://www.plcmc.org/Bookhive/>

