

Summer provides a wonderful opportunity for students and families to enjoy great books together! The goal of the Hawk Ridge program is to foster love of reading. Reading over the summer can also help students to maintain or even improve their reading skills.

So how can you make reading a natural fit for your summer?

- Make sure your children read every day! Make reading a part of your daily routine.
- Read to your children—they are never too old for this!
- Bring your children to the library or sign up for the summer reading program at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. [Summer Challenge](#)
- Make a trip to the bookstore an occasion for fun. Barnes and Noble has a [summer reading journal](#) to earn a Free Book!
- Find a series your children enjoy!
- Encourage them to try new genres—magazines, graphic novels, or nonfiction books about a topic they are interested in.
- Talk to your children about what they are reading. Open-ended questions (What would you have done if you were that character? What do you like about this book?) can start a meaningful discussion and show your children that you value what they are reading.
- Start a neighborhood book club—invite your child’s friends to read the same book. They can exchange their ideas about the book on a shared Google doc and/or have book club meetings to discuss the books.
- Play word games with your children (rhyming, synonyms, opposites, etc.). Google “word games for children” and you’ll find many free websites with fun word games.
- We can’t overstress the importance of being a reader yourself and letting your children see you reading every day.

Record all the books you read on the “ Reading Passport”.Don't worry if you run out of room! There will be a stack in front of the school all summer or print a new one!. Before returning to school, students can pick one book they would like to write a quick review about. This will be written on the back of the passport. The passport will be the ticket to a grade level gathering with a treat to share all we read over the summer at the beginning of the school year. We will have a cart of books at the front of the school to borrow and return. Come by anytime!

Happy Reading!

Hawk Ridge Elementary

Summer Reading Challenge Passport



Happy Reading and let's see where your book choices will take you!

1. _____ by: _____
2. _____ by: _____
3. _____ by: _____
4. _____ by: _____
5. _____ by: _____
6. _____ by: _____
7. _____ by: _____
8. _____ by: _____
9. _____ by: _____
10. _____ by: _____

Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

The book I chose to write about is:

Title: _____

By: _____

Tell us what you loved about this book!

Name: _____ *Grade Level:* _____