

## READING IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

The following ideas are suggestions for involvement in our Summer Reading Program. The purpose is to encourage reading at home.

- Design a Time Bank where children earn time for special activities proportional to the number of minutes they read. For example, thirty minutes of reading time might qualify for fifteen minutes of TV time.
- Reward children with a special treat for a certain number of pages or books completed.
- Create a special event for family reading time. Schedule one or two evenings a week for the family to gather in a room with their own reading materials. Everyone would read silently for a designated time. Possibly provide an opportunity for discussion of what has been read.
- Allow children to stay up for a designated number of minutes past their normal bedtime for the purpose of reading in bed.
- Give children books as gifts, and inscribe them with the date, occasion, and some personal remarks.
- Be a good model for your child. Let your child see you read -- for both information and enjoyment.
- Refer to Judy Freeman's book for "50 Ways to Celebrate Reading."

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Best Books for Kindergarten Through High School.

Bob Jones University Press, 1994.

Freeman, Judy. Books Kids Will Sit Still For.

Alleyside Press, 1984.

Hunt, Gladys. Honey for a Child's Heart. Zondervan, 1989.

Kilpatrick, William, and Gregory and Suzanne Wolfe.

Books That Build Character. Simon and Schuster, 1994.

Lipson, Eden Ross. Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children. Random House, 1991.

Russell, William F. Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children. Crown Publishers, 1984.

Russell, William F. More Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children. Crown, 1986.

Survey of Recommended Reading List. Association of Christian Schools International.

Trelease, Jim. The New Read-Aloud Handbook. Penquin Books, 1989

## Greenville County Library Locations

Hughes Main Library .....	242-5000
25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville	
Ramsey Family Branch .....	277-0161
100 Lydia Street, Greenville	
Sarah Dobey Jones Branch .....	246-1695
111 N. Hwy. 25 Bypass, Greenville	
Kerry Ann Younts Culp Branch .....	862-2576
311 North Main Street, Fountain Inn	
F. W. Symmes / Eastside Branch .....	288-6688
1508 Pelham Road, Greenville	
Greer, Jean M. Smith Library .....	877-8722
505 Pennsylvania Avenue, Greer	
W. Jack Greer Library .....	277-7397
800 West Butler Road, Mauldin	
Hendricks Branch .....	963-9031
626 NE Main Street, Simpsonville	
Sargent Branch.....	834-3650
17 Center Street, Travelers Rest	
Burdette Branch .....	268-5955
316 West Main Street, Taylors	
West Branch .....	269-5210
2625 Anderson Road, Greenville	

\* Crossway Christian Bookstore at 2406 E. North Street also has a summer reading club. Awards and a discount membership card are available; call 268-6007.

## Mitchell Road Christian Academy

## Summer Reading Program

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Reading research indicates that children improve their reading ability by reading and that reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading that a child does.

At Mitchell Road Christian Academy, we think that it is important for children to read, not only during the school year but also during the summer months. This program has been instituted to encourage just that.

A challenge is being made to all MRCA students, a challenge to read this summer. The specific challenge? To read at least 500 pages before school starts in August. For students who would like to accept a more difficult assignment, we challenge them to “go for the goal” of 1000 pages or more. Students should set individual goals for their reading; they should pace themselves throughout the summer and should try to read at least every other day.

In this brochure, you will find a list of authors that are appropriate for various age or grade levels. The list is simply a list of possible authors, and the reading should not be limited to those on the list. Children reading at an advanced grade level may read more advanced authors as they are capable.

We recognize that every family has its own criteria for appropriate reading material. We strongly encourage parents to preview their child’s reading choices.

As students complete a book, the title, author, and number of pages should be listed on a sheet of notebook paper. Students should bring their book list to school the first week of school for an acknowledgment of their accomplishment.

The “additional resources” listed provide a wealth of information and are terrific sources of good books. Please take the time to locate some of these.

We wish you and your family a great experience with this endeavor!!

### 3-, 4-, AND 5-YEAR OLD FAVORITES

Jez Alborough	Syd Hoff
Frank Asche	Pat Hutchins
Norman Bridwell	Masahiro Kasuya
Eric Carle	Robert Kraus
Bennett Cerf	Leo Lionni
Eleanor Clymer	Arnold Lobel
Miriam Cohen	James Marshall
Philip D. Eastman	Else H. Minarik
Leonard Fisher	Laura Joffe Numeroff
Denise Fleming	William Pene du Bois
John S. Goodall	Beatrix Potter
Margaret Graham	H. A. Rey
Donald Hall	Bernard Waber
Russell Hoban	Lynd Ward

### FOR CHILDREN ENTERING T-1 AND FIRST GRADE

<b>Fiction</b>	
Norman Bridwell	Beatrix Potter
Stephen Cosgrove	Elizabeth Shub
Russell Hoban	William Steig
Nonny Hogrogian	Judith Viorst
Ezra Jack Keats	Bernard Waber
Steven Kellog	Charlotte Zolotow
Leo Lionni	
Arnold Lobel	<b>Nonfiction</b>
Robert McCloskey	New True Series
Peggy Parish	(Children’s Press)
Tomie de Paola	Dennis Fradin
Bill Peet	Jane Belk Moncure

### FOR CHILDREN ENTERING SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

<b>Fiction</b>	
Marcia Bond	Gertrude Chandler Warner
Carol Ryrie Brink	E. B. White
Mary Blounts Christian	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ellen Conford	Elizabeth Yates
Barbara Cooney	
Eleanor Estes	<b>Nonfiction</b>
Marie Hall Ets	Irene Adler
Don Freeman	Glenn O. Blough
Carolyn Haywood	Clyde R. Bulla
Milly Howard	Mae & Ira Freeman
C. S. Lewis	Roma Gans
Rudyard Kipling	Jean Craighead George
Jeri Massi	Edith Thacher Hurd
Robert McCloskey	Nancy Larrick
Peggy Parish	Illa Podendorf

### FOR CHILDREN ENTERING FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

<b>Fiction</b>	<b>Nonfiction</b>
Louisa May Alcott	Joy Adamson
Natalie Babbitt	Irene Adler
John Bunyan	All About Books
Roald Dahl	(Random House)
Madeline L’Engle	Jean Bendick
Jean Fritz	Glenn O. Blough
Marquerite Henry	Franklyn Branley
C. S. Lewis	Clyde R. Bulla
Jack London	Phoebe Crosby
Ann Martin	Olive L. Earl
Robert McCloskey	Sam & Beryl Epstein
Clebe McLeary	Mae & Ira Freeman
Scott O’Dell	Jean C. George
Arleta Richardson	Patricia Lauber
George Selden	Landmark Books
Dick King Smith	Solveig P. Russell
Elizabeth George Speare	Herman Schneider
Armstrong Sperry	Millicent E. Selsam
John White	Dorothy E. Shuttles
	Herbert Zim

### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH, SEVENTH, AND EIGHTH GRADES

<b>Fiction</b>	
Louisa May Alcott	Wilson Rawls
Avi	Ann Rinaldi
Marion Dane Bauer	Robert L. Stevenson
Patricia Beatty	Mildred Taylor
Betsy Byars	
Charles Dickens	<b>Nonfiction</b>
Richard Doyle	Corrie ten Boom
Jean Fritz	Elisabeth Elliott
Jean Craighead George	Anne Frank
James Houston	Hannah Hurnard
Irene Hunt	Isobel Kuhn
Brian Jacques	Paul Little
Sonia Levitin	Josh McDowell
Jack London	J. B. Phillips
Farley Mowat	J. C. Pollock
Sterling North	Charles Sheldon
Scott O’Dell	Joni Eareckson Tada
Janette Oke	
Katherine Paterson	
Gary Paulsen	
Robert Peck	