



Hey Kids!

Reading over the summer keeps your reading skills sharp AND earns you prizes and parties! It's as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Keep track of reading minutes/steps on your Summer Reading Log.
2. Complete activities on your Reading Punch Card.
3. Have your Home Reading Coach sign your Log/Cards.

Summer Reading Logs

Just like the ones we used all school year, 15 minutes = 1 step.
Read for at least 30 minutes everyday! Earn prizes for every 10 hours of reading.

Reading Punch Cards

Complete an activity on the card and get it signed. You can get as many punch cards as you want! Complete a set of 5 boxes to earn a prize.
Find more punch cards at the library, bookmobile, and online.

Library and Bookmobile Visits

Check out awesome books! Bring your reading logs and punch cards to collect your prizes.

Summer Reading Party

Ice cream and movie in the DES gym with your family!
Bring your reading logs and punch cards to collect prizes.

Summer Reading School Sleepover

Stay after the ice cream and movie to spend the night at school! We stay up late playing games, watching movies, eating snacks, and having a great time!

(Parents, please see back for more information.)

Dear Parents,

Reading at home is so important to your child's academic development. Your child works hard all year and it is vital to maintain their growth over the summer. Your child can avoid the "summer slide" by reading for at least 30 minutes every day. In order to help with this, we encourage participation in the DES Summer Reading program!

Participation is simple: record your child's reading time on the attached log. The logs are set up just like the reading log your child brought home this school year. 15 minutes = 1 step/row. That's it! Use our website: www.dakotasummerreading.weebly.com to stay updated on dates/times, and find notes, printables, contact information, etc.

We understand that it can be hard to encourage reading over the summer. As a way to make reading more fun, we hope you get involved in the following activities and incentives:

- **DES Library** - The elementary library will be open on Tuesdays from 8am-noon starting on June 4, and going through August 6. All elementary students already have a library account, but we can start new accounts for incoming students and community members. We will be having read-alouds on the hour each week. Check the website for read-aloud themes or time updates.
- **Bookmobile** - Back by popular demand is our *library on wheels* - the Bookmobile! The Bookmobile will be making stops in Lancaster Heights, Dakota, Rock Grove, Rock City, Davis, and Lake Summerset. See the schedule on the other side of this note, or on the website.
- **New! Reading Punch Cards** - As your child completes a reading activity on the card, initial/sign the box. Bring the punch card anytime you visit the DES Library, Bookmobile, or the Summer Reading Party because a finished set of 5 boxes earns a prize! There is one reading punch card attached to your child's reading log that aligns with his/her age. However, there are other options to choose from! You can pick them up at the library or Bookmobile, or you can print punch cards from our Summer Reading website: www.dakotasummerreading.weebly.com.
- **Summer Reading Party** - Logging any amount of reading minutes over the summer is all students need to do to be able to join our Summer Reading party! This party will take place on the evening of Thursday, August 8th. Students and their families are invited to come enjoy ice cream and a movie.
- **Summer Reading School Sleepover** - Back by popular demand is our School Sleepover! Students who log **40 hours** of reading this summer will be able to stay after the ice cream and movie party for a school sleepover! We will play games, run around with glow sticks and flashlights, eat snacks, and stay up until the wee hours! (Read for about 35 minutes a day to meet this goal!)

If you have questions over the summer, please contact Mrs. Price, Mrs. Bordner, or Mrs. Bahls via email, or call the elementary office during library hours.

Mrs. Price - eprice@dakota201.com

Mrs. Bordner - sbordner@dakota201.com

Mrs. Bahls - sbahls@dakota201.com

Guess What???

Dakota Schools now has its very own



BOOKMOBILE!

And it will be coming to a town near you!

Bookmobile Schedule

Every Wednesday from June 12 - August 7

10:00 - 10:25	Lancaster Heights Road
10:30 - 10:45	Parking lot on Kenneth Drive
11:00 - 11:45	Dakota Park
12:00 - 12:45	Rock City - north end of Main St.
1:00 - 1:45	Davis - Memory Park
2:00 - 2:25	Lake Summerset Pool
2:30 - 2:45	Lake Summerset Lodge
3:00 - 3:20	Rock Grove - empty lot on Church St.

Watch for the Bookmobile at D&D games!

Additional Bookmobile dates will be shared online and by Skylert messages.

Frequently Asked Questions...



Can my child still participate in this program without visiting the library or Bookmobile?

YES! You don't have to use library books! Kids can read any books they want- just remember to keep track of their time spent reading. Magazines and informational texts such as articles or manuals also count.

Where can we get books besides the library and Bookmobile?

Read your own books from home, find books at garage sales, Voices, Goodwill and Salvation Army, swap with a friend, borrow from your neighbor...books are EVERYWHERE!!!

Does it count on the reading log if someone reads to my child?

Yes! Reading and listening to stories are both important skills! If someone reads to your child, you can include that on their reading log. If your child and their friend or sibling take turns reading back and forth, that whole time spent together reading counts on your child's log and on the other person's log too! Audiobooks are another great way for your child to listen to reading.

What if we lose or damage the reading log?

You can PREVENT losing/damaging the log by keeping it in a safe place at all times. Good places to keep reading logs: a bulletin board, the fridge, a certain spot on the counter. Extra logs are available in the library, Bookmobile and in the elementary office, on the website, or we can send you a new one. Keep track of their reading minutes on another piece of paper until you can get a new log.

I don't know what books to recommend to my child, where can I get help?

Talk to other kids to see what they like to read or ask any teacher for recommendations. Or - get online! There are tons of book recommendation websites out there, try googling your child's age and gender ("books for nine year old boys"). There are also book lists and recommendations on scholastic.com/kids.

My child doesn't like/want to read books. What can I do to get him/her to read?

Any kind of reading counts. Magazines, articles, instructions, pamphlets, following along with an audiobook, or reading interactive books on websites such as Bookflix are all examples of reading options other than books.