Summer Reading 2020

Theme: Read, Imagine, and Create YOUR Story

Reading ONLY 4-5 books in a summer can prevent a decline in a child's fall reading scores. Students who read one minute a day are exposed to 8,000 words per year and score in the 10th percentile on standardized tests. Students who read 5 minutes a day are exposed to 282,000 words per year and score in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. Students who read 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words per year and score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. In other words, READING CAN MAKE YOUR CHILD SMARTER.

Keep our children reading all summer so that when they return to school this fall they will continue the growth they made from the year before. By the 6th grade, children who lose reading skills during the summer are on average two years behind their peers.

Here's what you can do:

- Join our Digital Summer Reading Kickoff on Tuesday, May 19 (5:00-6:00 PM)
- Go to https://www.catoosacountylibrary.org/getting-your-library-card and get a digital library card. If you already have a regular library card, you can use that one.
- Here are links to resources where you can find ebooks.
- Register and record the books your child reads on Bean Stacks through the Catoosa Public Library **or** print and use this hardcopy reading log **or** the Summer Bingo Game (see link for BINGO activities below).
- Commit to having your K-2 children read at least 4-5 books and 3-5 children 20 minutes a day 5 days a week this summer. We encourage you to read with, to, or at the same time as your child.
- Encourage your children to connect to our theme "Read, Imagine, and Create YOUR Story" by reading on topics of interest and then imagining ways to CREATE something inspired by their reading. Here are a few examples from which they could choose: BINGO Activities   Other Activities
- Students can share a video of their project with their media specialist.