



Miami Carol City Senior High School Summer Reading 2009



Esteemed Parents:

Here at Miami Carol City Senior High School, we believe that Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but students who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer you can help children sustain (and even bolster) reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

While children need free time, away from structured academic learning, summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for students:

- Read together or discuss the reading selection your child is assigned
- Become familiar with the reading topic and offer opinions
- Set aside library time and read together
- Stay on top of current events by reading the newspaper
- Use the internet to become familiar with authors and styles
- Help your child define words s/he does not understand
- Provide highlighters and bookmarkers
- Offer space and time at home so that friends may come over and read together
- Ask questions like "what did you learn from reading this page or this book?"
- Encourage your child to read selections of personal interest
 - Check with the school website for appropriate, grade level selections as alternate reading material (<http://mccsh.dadeschools.net/>)