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Summer Reading

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Toolkit





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Dear Educators,

As your partners in helping accelerate learning for every student—and especially during these challenging times of transition to remote learning—we are pleased to provide you with this turnkey summer reading toolkit.

It includes time-saving tips and templates to help engage students in reading activities that help keep them reading and learning all summer.

We know this summer will be like no other in recent history, and keeping your students' reading skills sharp will be very important.

We send our best wishes for a summer of reading enjoyment and growth with myON.

The Renaissance Team

Getting Started Checklist:

Initial Planning

Here is a checklist to help you and your team prepare quickly and easily to launch your summer reading initiative.

Establish goals and indicators

- Define what success will look like.
- Consider time spent reading or number of books read.

Determine if quizzes will be turned on or off

- Should students take a quiz after every book they read?
- Consider the options for your summer program.

Reach out to community partners that your school district currently works with or is connected to

- How can they support your summer reading initiative?

Plan for student access to Wi-Fi over the summer

- If your school building is open and students can congregate, host “come in and read days.”
 - Students can use school devices to log in to myON.
 - Students can bring in personal devices to synch and download new books.
- Engage with community partners who can provide Wi-Fi access for students and families aligned to local health guidelines in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Create a plan to celebrate student achievement

- Questions to consider:
 - Will you have a summer reading challenge?
 - Can you leverage any of your community partnerships?
 - What do you have in place already to celebrate student achievement?

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Logistics

If you are launching your myON implementation just in time for summer reading, follow these steps.

Set up individual login credentials

- Create unique usernames and passwords to allow for easy monitoring of reading progress.

Distribute usernames and passwords

- Use a template and print labels or have students write down their credentials.

Complete the initial assessments

- Programs see the most success when students complete an initial assessment with guidance from their teachers or another informed adult.
- Allow 5-8 minutes for the interest inventory and 25 minutes maximum for the placement test.

Finish reading at least one book

- Maximize reading time and minimize obstacles.
- Allow readers to feel success when finishing a book.

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Communications

Use available communications channels' to explain how myON will support summer reading in your school community

- Share the importance of minimizing the summer slide and providing access to books.
- Have a virtual pep rally or special assembly for readers.
- Invite families to a virtual summer reading night.

Create awareness and access

- Send or email printable flyers to families and post them on your school website and social media to generate excitement among students.
- Provide helpful tips for families on reading with their student(s).

Share your school's summer reading initiative via your regular communications channels

- Link directly to myON through your school/district website or newsletter.
- Use social media, newsletters, robocalls, etc. to reinforce your summer reading message.
- Use a video to explain the power of myON to families and the school community.

Encourage summer reading goals

- Make sure students identify their individual reading goals.
- Share the school's collective reading goals with students and families.

Virtual Kickoff Event: Planning

Assemble a Summer Reading Launch Team

- Include key members of the school staff (administrator, library/media specialist, literacy specialist, etc.) as well as representatives from your parent/teacher association and community partners.

Convene a virtual planning meeting

- Set the date and time for your virtual summer kickoff event.
- Set an event agenda and plan activities.
- Identify speakers.
- Select/create virtual handouts—see the templates and materials provided in this toolkit.
- Determine how you will announce the event and invite families and others to attend virtually.
- Plan to document the excitement and share it on your school or district website, social media, etc.
- Assign tasks and set a timetable for completion.
- Set a timeline for follow-up meetings to tighten up the event planning.

Other considerations

- Show families how to log in, download mobile apps, and demonstrate how students can download and read books offline.
- Provide information for families who don't have Wi-Fi at home to know where they can access Wi-Fi in the community.

Reading Challenge: Ideas

Use the templates located in this toolkit to create your own summer reading challenges. Here are some quick ideas to get the planning underway.

Challenge ideas

Reading activity challenges—may be based upon time spent reading, books completed, etc.

- Top Reader in Class, Grade, School, and/or District
- Top Class in the Grade, School, and/or District
- Top Grade in the School
- Top School in the District

Read and respond challenges—may be based upon student response to an assigned book or books readers have selected themselves. Ask all participating students to provide a response to the same question or task. For example:

- Write an alternate ending to the book.
- Write a brief statement about a minor character in the book in response to the question, “Why is the character important to the story?”
- Write about something you learned from reading this book.

Recognition and rewards

- **Student certificates** for individual students who meet their personal reading goals.
- **Recognition** on your school’s website, social media, etc. for individual students, groups, classes that have achieved your school’s challenge goal.
- **Prizes and awards** that may be provided by your school, parent-teacher association, community partners, and others who are supporting your summer initiative.

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What is myON?

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myON is a digital reading platform that enables students to read anytime and anywhere they want or need to read—in school and out of school, all year long.



How it works

Each student receives a login and password to their myON account, which is set up by the school or district.

They can access myON 24/7 all year long—including weekends, holidays, school breaks, and over the summer.

- Students can read books and articles online on any web-enabled device that is connected to Wi-Fi
- Students can read books offline with free mobile apps when Wi-Fi isn't available

Students can read the same book as many times as they want to read it.

Reading tools within the myON platform provide support when students need it. They include audio, an embedded dictionary, and more.

Students can use myON for independent reading, including reading with their families, as well as to complete teacher assignments.

Your student's teacher will provide more information about how your student is accessing and reading with myON, and your important role in this process.

Family Reading Activities

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Family Adventure: Tell your child about one of your favorite adventures. Where did you go? What did you see? Why were you there? Next step is to look up different myON books to learn more about that place you visited and the things you saw!

Reading Corner: Designate an area in your house for a reading corner! Set up a fort specifically meant for reading with your child! Create a sign to hang on the fort—Readers ONLY Past This Point!

Try Something New: Ask your children where they would like to travel in the world. Set up a dinner with the food shared in that area and research more about the climate, culture, animals, etc. that live in the area of the world that they choose.

New Hobby: Find a hobby you can share with your child. Whether it is cooking or playing the piano, hiking or collecting baseball cards, there is a myON book that will help you along the way! Learn more about that hobby on myON!

Track Progress: Ask your child to explain what is on their myON dashboard, what their reading level is and where they want it to be in the future.

20 Minutes: Reading outside of school is very important for your child to enhance learning growth. Try to set aside 20 minutes a day to read with your child.

Reach for the Stars: Set reading goals and reward your children when they accomplish these goals with fun family activities!

Lead by Example: Your children look up to you and want to emulate your actions. So if you set a good example by reading, they will want to read as well!

Alternative Ending: Before you finish reading a book with your children, write what you think should happen in the end and compare it to what actually happens.

Picture This: Have your children take pictures and write stories about the pictures. Create a storyline based on different locations.

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More Family Reading Activities

Read to an Audience: Reading to an audience is fun! Have young children read aloud to their stuffed animals, siblings, or you. Choose a scene from the book and act it out.

Main Character: Talk with your child about the book they are reading. Ask, "If you were the main character in the story, would you make the same choices?"

Reminisce: What was your favorite story when you were your child's age? Can you find that book on myON? Is there a tale with a similar story line?

Book Review: Create a personal book review. Know what your children are reading and ask if they enjoyed the book and what their favorite parts were. Ask them if there were parts of the book that they did not like and what they would change about them.

Weekly Check-In: Smaller reading goals will help your children achieve their larger goals and dreams. Break their reading goals into small, attainable portions and check in each week to learn what they did to get to those goals.

Family Night: Establish your very own family night read-in. Set aside designated time for family reading when the entire family reads.

Get Cozy: Cuddle up and read to your children every night before going to bed.



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Dear Families,

This summer, your student(s) will have access to myON, which includes an engaging collection of more than 6,000 digital books.

Students and families may access these digital books for independent reading, research, and fun. You and your student(s) will be able to view reading their progress right on their student dashboard, too!

We hope you find this program as exciting as we do and you will join us in investing in your students' literacy success. Please encourage them to continue to read all summer long!

School Administrator

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Standard login bookmark templates

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Student Goal Sheet

My reading goals:

Number of books I want to read this summer: _____

Minutes per week I am committing to read this summer: _____

3 ways I will achieve my reading goals:
(ex. read with sister, set aside 20 minutes at home every night, etc.)

Student: _____

Teacher: _____ **Parent/Guardian:** _____

Congratulations!

successfully completed the
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Teacher/Administrator