

# **Summer Reading Take-Home Programs**

Student self-select options and resources to promote independent reading



### Student Self-Select Onsite



- Pre-select from more than 2,000 age- and reading level appropriate titles. Our literacy specialists can help you build enticing custom booklists that feature bestsellers and kid favorites, favorite author/illustrator series, multicultural books, Spanish titles, and leveled books.
- Books are delivered to your site organized by grade or reading level for an easy-to-sort book distribution.
- Plan a fun and engaging book distribution event. Our literacy specialists can provide tools and resources to help you host a successful book distribution.
- **The power of choice!** During the event, students select books that interest them.

A minimum of 30 days are required to fulfill onsite student choice book distributions.

It's essential to provide students with the opportunity to choose books that match their personal interests. Research indicates that self-selected reading is twice as powerful as teacher-selected reading in developing motivation and comprehension. (Guthrie and Humenick 2004)

#### Student Self-Select Online



- Pre-load school, classroom, and student data into our online platform.
- Pre-select books from more than 300 age- and reading level-appropriate titles for each student.
  - Assign appropriate books to students based on Lexile range, Guided Reading level, or Developmental Assessment level.
  - Expose each child to higher-level texts to build reading capacity.
- Students select books from 25-30 titles via their online dashboard.
- Book packs are delivered to your site bundled by classroom and individually shrink-wrapped and labeled for each student.

A minimum of 90 days are required to fulfill online book distributions.



Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better in school than their peers who rarely read. Sullivan and Brown (2013) demonstrate that pleasure reading is linked to increased cognitive progress over time.

### **Custom Take-Home Book Packs**



- Select from more than 500 age- and reading level—appropriate titles. Whether your school, district, or organization is focused on specific reading levels or has a focus such as STEAM or career exploration, our literacy specialists can help you build your custom book list.
- Customize your take-home book pack packaging.
  - Build small packs or large packs from a range of 2-9 books per student.
  - Mix in both English and Spanish titles.
  - Add reading journals or title-specific Think Sheets\* to each pack to reinforce reading and writing comprehension skills.
- Book packs are delivered to your site shrink-wrapped to distribute by classroom.

\*Think Sheets are not available for a limited number of titles.

"Children take pride in things that belong to them. The summer reading program builds on that pride by placing books into the hands of children who then take pride in reading to find out what is inside their books."—Irving Beard, Title I principal

## **Custom Add-on Options**

Enhance your summer reading take-home program with custom options that express your school or organization's commitment to mitigating the summer reading loss.

# District Administrator or Organization Letter



\$1 each for sites that serve 2,500 students or more



#### Inspirational Bookmarks

\$1 each for sites that serve 2,500 students or more



Student Backpacks

\$3.99 each for orders of at least \$50,000



#### **Student Journals and Activity Sheets**

Great for comprehension building and writing practice!

Resources to help families support their children's literacy progress included



Online accountability tool for students to track their reading progress all summer long

Teachers should expand the possibility of pleasure reading by introducing students to new books they might not select on their own. If we want students to embrace reading now and always, then we need to keep at the forefront of our attention the rich, complex, and profound pleasures of reading. (Wilhelm and Smith 2014)

# Kick off the summer reading season with interactive family literacy events!

The best way to ensure that your students and families get the most out of their summer reading program is to motivate, engage, and share with them the best practices for literacy development in the home.

Dr. Karen Mapp Presents Scholastic Literacy Events
Summer Reading bridges school-year classroom learning
to summer learning. Teachers explore reading, writing, and
project-based learning with families and model oral reading
and comprehension strategies that families
can use over the summer break.







Aligned to the Department of Education's Dual Capacity—Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships

Children who read more in the summer do better in reading in the fall, as long as two factors are present: access to books that match the reader's ability and interests and a focus on comprehension that is monitored by an adult, parent, or teacher. (Kim 2004)



Contact us at 800-387-1437 ext. 6333 to create your custom summer reading program!

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