



# Summer Reading Strategies

## **B** - Begin with the Right Book

- Five Finger Rule - Read the first 1-2 pages. Hold up a finger for each word you do not know. If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.
- Purpose - Are you reading with a parent, reading for fun, reading another book in a series, or reading a topic of high interest? In these cases level isn't as important.

## **I** - Increase Time Spent Reading

- Start with 15 minutes of uninterrupted reading time, and gradually attempt to increase it over the summer.
- Add to the number of items you read. Read menus, comics, newspapers, road signs, store names, license plates, etc.

## **N** - Nurture Vocabulary and Comprehension

- Engage in your normal summer activities (baseball games, museum trips, movies, go to the park, etc). Any experiences you have add to both your vocabulary and background knowledge.

## **G** - Games Readers Play

- Scrabble, Boggle, Hangman, Word Tic Tac Toe, BattleShip, Guess Who, HeadBands - Some games require students word solving and vocabulary skills, while others require inferencing, a much needed comprehension strategy.

## **O** - One More Time, The Benefits of Re-reading

- Builds fluency
- Increases deeper comprehension

Not all reading has to be on-level or require a response. Increased reading experiences in general will have a greater effect over the summer months.