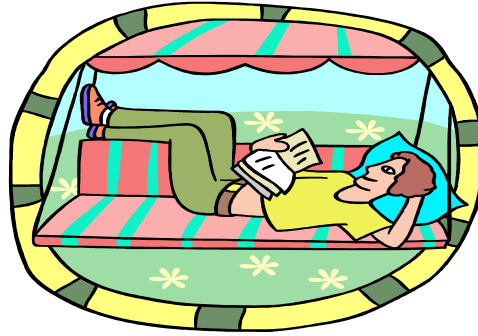


Middle School Reading Ideas!

- Follow the news! Choose a news story to follow for a several days. Have family members find out as much information as they can about the topic by reading a newspaper or magazine. Discuss what each has learned over a family meal.
- Have a wide variety of reading materials available, everything from "Sports Illustrated for Kids" to poems or song lyrics, or article and books about people they are interested in.
- Connect current events by posting a world map. As events occur, mark the location on the map and together look up information about the country using reference books or the internet.
- Have a family book club. Choose a book and have everyone read it. You can have great discussions about the characters and the plot. Take turns choosing a book.
- Point out all of the information that can be found in your local newspaper. Everything from world and local news stories to editorials and want/sale ads. Have your child compare prices or discuss local news and events found in the paper.
- Help them find books on areas of personal interest.



Additional Resources

National Center for Family Literacy

Toll Free 1-877-326-5481

<http://www.famlit.org>

Reading is Fundamental, Inc

Toll Free: 1-877-RIF-READ

<http://www.rif.org/>

American Library Association

Toll Free: 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2163

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/>

PBSKIDS

Between the Lions Program

<http://pbskids.org/lions/>

SD PRN

www.bhssc.org/sdprn

South Dakota Parent Resource Network

PO Box 218

Sturgis, SD 57785

Phone: (605)-347-6260 or 1-800-219-6247

Fax: (605)-347-5223

www.bhssc.org/sdprn



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**Summer
reading ideas
for
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The evidence is in! Parents who are actively involved in their children's learning at home help their children to become successful learners in and out of school. Reading is the foundation of a successful education. Children improve this important ability by reading, reading, reading, and reading some more.

This publication is intended to offer suggestions on how to motivate and encourage your child to read over the summer. These reading activities for your child and your family are offered as a way to get started. Have fun and be creative!! Read under the tree in the backyard or in the park; stretch out under a make-shift tent. Go on a backyard safari using a book to identify the bugs in your backyard!

FACT: Did you know that reading 15 minutes a day will increase your child's vocabulary by 1,000 words in a year!!! Multiply 1,000 words by 10 years and you have 10,000 words!!! Read this summer and imagine the future possibilities.



READ! Read to and with your child every day! As your child's reading skills increase have them read to you. Great reading skills come with practice and you are the perfect partner!

- Establish a daily reading time. Set up a "special place" that encourages your child to read. Provide a wide variety of reading materials.
- Have a family reading time. Read longer books a chapter at a time and discuss the story.
- Read different kinds of books.
- Ask questions and talk about the "who" (the characters); "where" the story takes place (the setting) and "what" is happening (the plot). Have your child guess what is going to happen. Ask questions that relate to what they know and their experiences.
- Be a reading role model! Let your child see you enjoying books, magazines, and newspapers.
- Look at different kinds of books. Show them how to look up information in the dictionary or encyclopedia.



FACT: From their birth through high school graduation, children spend 15% of their time in school and 85% of their time outside school—with most of that at home. Parents **ARE** their child's first and most influential teachers.!

- Sign up for the summer reading program. Go on a 'safari' at the library where they find different sections of the library.
- Have a family reading program where each child gets a reward when they reach their goals. (Or the family could work together for a special family outing).
- Encourage older children to read to their younger siblings.
- If you are planning a summer trip to another city or state—have your child assist in the planning. They can research the area and find a list of things for the family to do and become the family "tour guide."
- Listening to an audio book is a good way to show how interesting books can be.