

Summer Reading Challenge

Sidney Fenn Elementary School



Reading is Sweet

May 2025

Dear Families,

As the 2024-2025 school year draws to a close, it is our pleasure to present the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge - Reading is Sweet! Summer reading is an important activity for your child's intellectual growth and development. It encourages students to become lifelong readers, while providing fun and engaging ways to build independent reading skills.

Children who read during the summer gain reading skills; while those who do not often slide backward. This is frequently referred to as the "summer slide". Many children forget a lot of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Reading research indicates that a child's reading ability declines between the end of one school year and the start of the next; however, this can be prevented by performing one fundamental task: *reading throughout the summer*.

This summer, we are encouraging students to embrace that "Reading is Sweet!" Our goal is to have each student read at least 20 minutes per day over the summer. During summer reading, students will not only be reinforcing skills taught during the previous year, but they will be getting a head start on the ensuing school year, as well!

There is a fun Summer Reading Log attached, where students can keep track of their reading by coloring in a pineapple and completing the Reading Log for each day. Remember to **read at least 20 minutes per day**. Fenn students are also encouraged to participate in the Medina County District Library Summer Reading Program. Pick up a copy of the game board at the Medina County District Library. **All students who turn in their Summer Reading Pineapple Sheet/Reading Log or the Medina County District Library Game Board during the first week of school will receive a special treat and extra recess as congratulations for "beeing" a reader!" over the summer!** Please remember to put your first and last name on the side of the sheet with the pineapples on it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Thank you!

Sincerely, Mrs. Springer & Miss Maher (Reading Intervention Specialists)

Summer Break Reading Challenge

Name: _____ 2025-2026 Teacher: _____



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