

## How to P.I.C.K. The Right Book

### Remember these 4 steps:

**P– Purpose**—What is the purpose for reading. In the summer this is usually for enjoyment but it could also be to learn about a sport, vacation spot, game etc...

**I-Interest** With the many millions of books on shelves today, there's bound to be something out there for everyone! To determine if a book is interesting look at the front cover and illustrations, and read the back cover or chapter titles.

**C-Comprehend** This is simple but very important! Have your child read a page or two and see if they can understand what they've read. Reading without understanding isn't really reading.

**K-Know the words.** Readers should be able to decode -- or read -- and understand the majority of the words on the page.

Knowing P.I.C.K. is empowering for children. They want to know how to choose books that fit--books that are enjoyable, fun, and exciting. It's all about giving our kids the tools they need to be strong, confident readers. Choosing the best book is the starting point.

### How can I help my child continue to become a better reader during the summer months?

**Help kids find time to read.** Summer camp, music lessons, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. Remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading.

**Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, and notices.** Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.



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**Relax the rules for summer.** During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Encourage them to pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

**Participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Pleasant Hill Library.** Children can get a Bookawocky Game Board and color in spaces as they read books or complete activities. The library has many fun activities planned. See attached pages for more information.

**Read aloud with kids.** Take your children to see a local storyteller or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children, no matter what their age.

**Have plenty of reading material around.** Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

**Check in with them about what they are reading.** Make sure you ask your child about what they are reading to see if the books are too difficult or too easy. Help them choose books that are at a just right level.

**Check out other fun and rewarding reading challenges from Twin Cities businesses.** Kids can earn free books, arcade tokens, and other fun prizes from Barnes and Noble, Half Price Books, Chuck E. Cheese and other businesses. Check out this website for a list of participating businesses: <http://freebies.about.com/od/familyfreestuff/tp/summer-reading.htm>

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