Encourage Your Child to Read

- While reading, encourage your child to sound out the letters or groups of letters syllables in unknown words to determine the unknown word.

- Ask your child questions about the story. What are the main characters like how does the author support a particular point in the text? Is there a problem in the story? How do you think the problem will be solved? How do you think the story will end?

- Encourage your child to use technology to access e-books (iPod, iPad, Kindle, etc.).

- Go to the library or look online for books and articles on a topic that is of interest to your child.

Writing

- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary to tell his/her own stories.

- Include your child in real-life writing experiences (e.g., writing letters or emails to family members) and encourage the use of idioms, adages and proverbs.

- Encourage your child to practice typing on the computer. There are many free typing activities and games for kids on the Internet.

- Encourage your child to write a friendly letter to a relative or friend.

Mathematics

- Read, write, and compare decimals to thousandths using number names, base-ten numerals, and expanded form. For example, $47.392 = 4 \times 10 + 7 \times 1 + 3 \times (1/10) + 9 \times (1/100) + 2 \times (1/1000)$.

- Locate fractions on grocery story products. Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators (including mixed numbers). For example, $2/3 + 5/4 = 8/12 + 15/12 = 23/12$.

- Solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems in practical situations using whole numbers and decimals. For example, if you travel 300 miles in 5 hours, how many miles are you traveling in 1 hour? Also, add up portions of your grocery bill.

- Look in newspapers and magazines to find multi-digit whole numbers. Fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm.

- Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system. For example, convert 5 cm to 0.05 m.

Science

- Help with the recycling (paper, plastic, and metal) in your home.

- Go green - think of a way you can make a difference and help save the environment.

- Create a terrarium and record your observations.

- Build your own model of a roller coaster.
Recommended Summer Reading

- America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell by Don Brown
- Around the World by Matt Phelan
- Basketball Belles: How Two Teams and One Scrappy Player Put Women’s Hoops on the Map by Sue Macy
- Dream Something Big: The Story of the Watts Towers by Dianna Hutts Aston
- Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind and Changed Their World by Allan Drummond
- Every Thing on It by Shel Silverstein
- The Great Migration: Journey to the North by Eloise Greenfield
- The House Baba Built: An Artist’s Childhood in China by Ed Young
- Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Junonia by Kevin Henkes
- Lemonade: And Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word by Bob Raczka
- The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families by Susan L. Roth
- Migrant by Maxine Trottier
- A Nation’s Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis by Matt de la Pena
- Night Flight: Amelia Earhart Crosses the Atlantic by Robert Burleigh
- Orani: My Father’s Village by Claire A. Nivola
- Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck
- Smells Like Treasure by Suzanne Selfors
- Thunder Birds: Nature’s Flying Predators by Jim Amosky
- Titanic Sinks! Experience the Titanic’s Doomed Voyage in This Unique Presentation of Fact And Fiction by Barry Denenberg
- Wildwood: The Wildwood Chronicles, Book I by Colin Meloy
- Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick

Note to Parents

CCSD offers the above list of links to summer reading lists and resources in our continued support of student achievement and the love of reading. Book lists cover a wide range of topics and interest levels. It is the parents’ responsibility to verify the appropriateness of any book for their child. Also, please check with your child’s school online, as many schools provide summer reading lists that support site-specific programs and classes.