

Beemer Elementary Library Summer Newsletter

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Beemer Elementary School, West Point Public Schools,
Nebraska

Summer Books Everyone Should Read

Special points of interest:

- * Favorite Websites for Summer Fun
- * Summer Must Reads
- * Why Read?
- * Fun and Free Things To Do

Kailey Pena – Bats in the Library by Brian Lies
Edward Pena – Cars by Disney
Lyle Kudron – Magic Tree House: Dragon of the Red Dawn
Mercedes Stewart – Ramona and Beezus by Beverly Cleary
Halla Paschold – Eragon by Christopher Paolini, & Healing Spell by Kimberley Griffith Little
Madison Young – Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library by Vicki Myron
Tazia Pritchett – Tangled-the Novel
Angel Pritchett – How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon by Jane Yolen
Brittany Pena – Junie B Jones: First Grader One Man Band by Barbara Park
Sam Taylor – Witches and Wizards by James Patterson
Reilly Young – Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Rodrick Rules
Melanie Pena— War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Mrs. Stogdill – Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton



Flip Flop Into a Summer Series

Summer is a great time to flip flop into a great book series. We all love to meet new characters and visit new places. Here are some great reasons to read a series.

Read a series...

"...to learn more about the characters." Reilly Young

"...so you can find out the whole story." Halla Paschold

"...because they are awesome!" Edward Pena

"...so you know what happens in the end." Sam Taylor

There are so many awesome series to choose from, but here are a few of our favorites.

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Harry Potter by JK Rowling
Junie B Jones by Barbara Park
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
Arthur by Marc Brown
Berenstain Bears by Stan and Jan Berenstain
If You Lived.... By various authors
If You Give a Mouse Books by Laura Numeroff
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan



Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.
-Maya Angelou

This Jam-Packed Newsletter is brought to you by the following BEE kids:

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New Paths to Reading – Digital Resources and Internet Learning

Students at Beemer Elementary have an incredible opportunities to experience reading in many ways. Not only do they have a wonderful library packed with terrific books; they have an up to date computer lab. The lab is a great place to dive into internet and digital learning. Beemer Elementary students also have access to three Kindle and four Nookcolor electronic readers. We have many new titles purchased for these devices for the coming school year. These are an engaging and fun way to experience reading for everyone! If you own an e-reader, some libraries have lending programs for electronic readers! It is important to give our children many paths to learning through print and digital experiences. The digital world is where they will be living. Take some time to explore the digital reading resources available and find new ways to share them together!

Here are some of the BEE students favorite Internet resources:

Nebraska Tourism Games <http://www.visitnebraska.gov/kids/games>
Disney - <http://www.disney.com> includes Disney Go and Disney XD
Slimekids: www.slimekids.com
Starfall – www.starfall.com
ABCya – www.abcya.com
K-6 Web Activities: <http://www1.bellevuepublicschools.org/curriculum/k6web/k-6.htm>
PBS kids www.pbskids.com
Dr. Seuss – www.seussville.com
Let's Talk About Insects - <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/insects/>
Make up Funny Stories - <http://www.eduplace.com/tales/>

**"A Book is a
Good Friend
You Can Visit
Again and
Again!**

-Mrs. Stogdill

Why Read? - A List of Great Reasons to Pick up a Book!

"It's a good thing to do." Chase Sherwood
"It's fun and helps you learn." Mercedes Stewart
"It will make you smart." Lyle Kudron
"It's OK to read, and it makes you feel good." Madison Young
"It keeps you from getting in trouble." Emily Oligmueller
"If you read a book, you don't have to fold the shirts." Edward Pena
"You should read a book, so you can do well next year." Kailey Pena



Quick Ideas for Loads of Fun

By Halla and Reilly

Visit family
Go camping
Go on a bike ride
Dance
Write a song
Write a book
Bake
Become a pen pal
Write jokes
Grow a garden
Hoola Hoop
Chalk
Bubbles
Jump Rope



A Librarian's Summer Bucket List

Do you every wonder what librarian's do all summer? We read, read, read...

It is hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. I have had a great year working with all the students at Beemer Elementary as a student teacher, para-educator and librarian. I just want to take a moment to share with you my summer bucket list which includes a large pile of books that I didn't get to this school year. It includes some old favorites, new titles, and a few professional books that I hope will inspire me as a person and as a teacher.

Summer is a great time to get lots of things done, but it is also a time to take a little time and slow down just a bit. Write stories and letters to each other or to friends and family. Visit the library with your child, share some of your childhood favorites and discover some new adventures. Read with and to your children. You will make memories that will last a lifetime.

Have a safe and sunny summer!

-Mrs. Stogdill

