

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Wow! This year has flown by! I would just like to take the time to say thanks again for all of the wonderful support this year. I truly enjoyed working with all of you and your precious children. I wish all of your children the best, and hope they realize that they will always hold a special place in my heart!

Summer is the season that all of us like to have time to rest and relax. How better to relax than with a great book or fun and exciting summer explorations! This journal is your child's personal diary. It is their Summer Memoir!

The journal begins with informational pages for parents and ideas for your child. It includes...

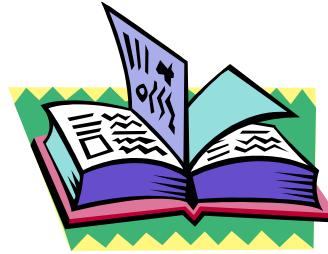
- Reading Log
Have your child keep track of all of his/her summer reading. This will be used to share with his/her peers in first grade!
- Summer Fun Checklist
Find many cool activities and ideas for the summer. Keep track of all you do!
- Parent Strategy Page
Use this page when assisting with or reading to your child.
- Book List and Web Sites Page
This list includes a wide variety of books. Take it along to the library to find wonderful summer reading choices. In addition, the web sites include many activity ideas and parent tips!
- Library information
Use this information to get your child involved with all the library has to offer. Library card applications are available free at the library!
- Top Ten Reasons to Keep Kids Learning in the Summer

I hope this Summer Memoir Journal will keep you and your child excited about learning. What a great way to keep developing those skills he/she has worked so hard on all year long! These journals will be something that your child will bring to his/her first grade classroom in the fall. Your child will use this as a wonderful way to reconnect with friends and reminisce about the summer!

Working with your child on his/her summer journal will be a wonderful family experience and will offer your child so much encouragement and support. Have an awesome summer break!

(If you are reading this letter online, simply purchase your child a notebook to use as a journal.)

Student Book Log



Book You Have Read/Listened To

Do you recommend?

Summer Fun Checklist

Keep a journal of your summer days. Some ideas are: pets, trips, friends, one thing you did today.	
Write letters to family and friends.	
Draw pictures with shapes and label your diagram (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, etc.)	
Visit the public library (be sure to take the attached application for a library card).	
Check out books and books on tape.	
Write a sentence (This is an apple.) and add details (This is a big red apple.).	
Write words in the sand at the beach or use shaving cream and a cookie tray at home.	
Visit a museum or zoo and write about what you see.	
Cut out familiar words and/or word wall words from magazines or newspapers and make a collage.	
Make a grocery list, help grocery shop by comparing prices and look for rhyming words (milk - silk).	
Practice counting money and trade 5 pennies for a nickel and 2 nickels for a dime, etc.	
Keep counting by 5's and 10's past 100.	
Count by 2's to 30.	
Graph the weather for the month of July on your family's calendar or make your own.	
Look for familiar words on billboards and other signs around town.	
Look for insects. Draw and write about the insects you find.	
Clap the words to a sentence (I see a green ball). Five words = five claps.	
Read, Read, Read! Look at the attached book list for some ideas. After reading a book, write the title on the attached book log and your recommendation.	
Parents, don't forget to ask your child questions about the stories such as: who was the story about (characters), what was the problem/solution, what is something they learned, what happened at the beginning, middle, and end, etc.	

To Help Myself Read, I Can:

1. ✓ the



2.  GO BACK AND READ IT AGAIN
3. Get My  Ready
4. Does it sound right?
Does it look right?
Does it make sense?

5. Find  I Know



Favorite Authors:

Summer Book List



Mitsumasa Anno
Eric Carle
Tomie De Paola
Denise Fleming
Shirley Neitzel
Maurice Sendak

Jan Brett
Harper Collins
Lois Elhert
Ezra Jack Keats
Laura Numeroff
Dr. Seuss

Poetry:

W. Hudson M. O'Neil J. Prelutsky S. Silverstein	<i>Pass It On</i> <i>Hailstones and Halibut Bones</i> <i>The Dragons Are Singing Tonight</i> <i>A Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i> <i>A Light in the Attic</i> <i>Falling Up</i> <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>
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Non-Fiction Authors:

Aliki
What's For Lunch book series by Children's Press
 Gail Gibbons
How and Why book series by Elaine Pascoe

Books Kids Can Read:

Easy

E. Carle T. De Paola B. Martin B. Wildsmith H. Ziefert	<i>Do You Want To Be My Friend?;</i> <i>Have You Seen My Cat?;</i> <i>Pancakes For Breakfast</i> <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</i> <i>All Fall Down; Apple Bird;</i> <i>Cat on a Mat; Toot, Toot;</i> <i>What a Tale; Animal Shapes;</i> <i>Best Castle Ever; I Hate Boots;</i> <i>Sleepy Dog</i>
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Medium

B. Lindgren Hill M. Mayer Ready Steps B. Wildsmith	<i>Sam's Ball; Sam's Cookie;</i> <i>Sam's Teddy Bear;</i> <i>Sam's Wagon</i> <i>Where's Spot?</i> <i>All By Myself</i> <i>Buzz Said the Bee</i> <i>Island; Wake Up, Wake Up!</i>
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Websites

www.eric-carle.com

www.janbrett.com

www.lessonplanz.com

www.scholastic.com

www.seussville.com

More Difficult

Ahlberg Aliki E. Appleby N. Bridwell M. Mayer Dr. Seuss N. Shaw	<i>Each Peach Pear Plum</i> <i>We Are Best Friends</i> <i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> <i>Clifford's Puppy Days</i> <i>Just Me and My Puppy; Just For You</i> <i>Just Grandpa and Me; Just Going to the Dentist</i> <i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i> <i>Sheep in a Jeep</i>
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Book Series

Mr. Putter
Amelia Bedelia
Nate the Great
Cam Janson
Boxcar
Frog and Toad
Junie B. Jones
Henry and Mudge

Howell Carnegie District Library

314 W. Grand River
Howell, Michigan 48843
517-546-0720

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



Hours:

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Summer Hours

Visit your local public library to fill out your free library card application form.

The Youth Services Department offers:

- Multi-level reading materials for children and young adults
 - Picture Books
 - Board Books
 - “I Can Read” Easy Readers
 - Popular Fiction
 - Holiday Books
- Newberry & Caldecott Award Books
 - Audio/Video Cassettes
 - Magazines
- Backpacks filled with books and activities
 - Story times
- Summer Reading Program

Top Ten Reasons to Keep Kids Learning in Summer

1. Education is the key to achievement and success.
2. Parents who are actively involved in their children's learning at home help their children become more successful learners.
3. Stimulating children's brain development all summer brings big benefits in the fall.
4. The average student forgets a substantial number of reading and math skills learned during the school year.
5. Losses are greater among lower-income students who cannot attend summer enrichment programs, travel or take advantage of structured learning opportunities.
6. Much of the achievement gap between advantaged and less advantaged students occurs in the summer months.
7. Children who lose ground over the summer have a difficult time "catching up" during the following school year.
8. Time spent on "re-learning" substantially reduces the valuable classroom time needed to master new skills and subjects.
9. Steady improvement throughout the year means that children will meet the high education standards supported by Michigan's State Board of Education and will assure students have the educational foundation needed to succeed in school and life.
10. Summer is an ideal time for families to provide the time, learning experiences and practice to reinforce learning.

(From the Michigan Department of Education)



LIBRARY CARD APPLICATION

Welcome to the Howell Carnegie District Library. After you complete this form, take it to the Circulation Desk along with proof of your home address. Information will be confidential.

Thank you.

APPLICANT

Please Print

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail address: _____

Business Phone [or cell phone] _____

In order that we may uniquely identify your library records, please provide your date of birth:
(The library's sole use of your date of birth will be to distinguish your account from those of other patrons, especially from those with similar names.)

Date of Birth _____

How do you want to be notified about requested items and your library account?

E-mail U.S. Mail Telephone

Would you like to be included on the library's mailing list? YES NO

(Mailing list is used only by the library and the Friends of the Howell Carnegie District Library)

INTERNET ACCESS

No Internet Access

Selected Levels:

- Level 1 Level 1 Safe Harbor (Most restrictive, pre-selected sites aimed primarily at children under age 14).
- Level 2 Allows limited searching of Internet (including some game sites), no email or chat rooms.
- Level 3 Somewhat limited searching of Internet. Allows email and chat rooms.
- Level 4 Full access (only 18 years and older may choose this).

My Password: _____ [We suggest the last 4 digits of your phone number]

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:

I verify that the above information is correct and I assume financial responsibility for materials borrowed or charges incurred on any card issued from this application.

Signature _____ Date: _____

If under 18 years of age:

Signature of Parent
or Legal Guardian _____ Date: _____