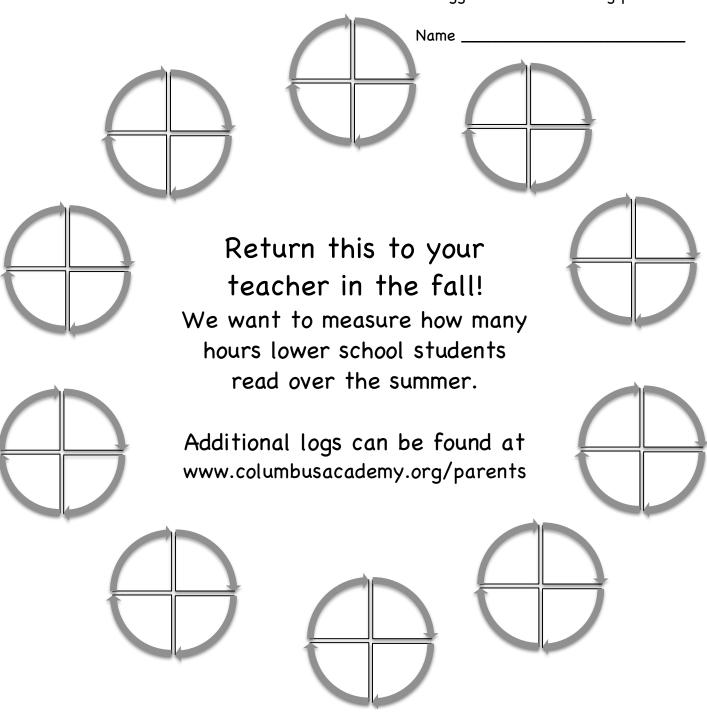
Read, Relax, Repeat!

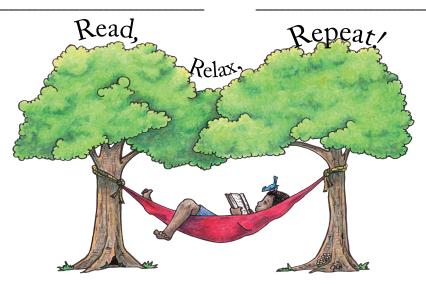
Columbus Academy Summer Reading Students entering Pre-Kindergarten

- Read to your child for ten hours (or more!) over the summer.
- As you read, have your child color in one small wedge (below) for every fifteen minutes. (The full figure equals one hour.)
- Record the titles of your favorite books on the back of this page.
- Return this log on the first day of school! We will use the logs for an activity to show how much the Lower School read this summer.
- Don't know what to read? Use the attached list of suggestions as a starting point.



My Favorite Summer Reading Books Title Author

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Summer Reading 2017

Suggestions for students entering Pre-K



Authors We Love

- <u>Bear in a square</u> by Stella Blackstone Clear, colorful illustrations make these concept books a treat. Try drawing a map after <u>Bear at home</u>.
- <u>Feathers for lunch</u> plus many others by Lois Ehlert Prolific author...each story has a simple plot plus lots of facts tucked in.
- <u>Good boy, Fergus</u> by David Shannon Funny author makes funny books! Look for many other books by this author too.
- <u>Max and Ruby</u> series by Rosemary Wells The antics of Max and Ruby always make for fun reading.
- <u>Peter's chair</u> by Ezra Jack Keats Peter has a new baby sister. First his old crib gets painted pink, and now his father wants to paint Peter's chair! Look for Peter in other books by this author.

ABC, Color, and Counting books

- <u>Circle, square, Moose</u> by Kelly Bingham An enthusiastic moose tries to help his friend Zebra with a book about shapes. Look for Moose and Zebra in <u>Z is for Moose</u> as well!
- Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger Amazing illustrations make this a very special color book.
- One duck stuck The sound effects make this book a perfect read-aloud counting book.
- <u>Orange pear apple bear</u> by Emily Gravett A charming book that demonstrates sequence, color and shape.

Friends and Family

- <u>Looking for Bongo</u> by Eric Velasquez When a little boy loses his beloved stuffed toy, he sets out on a mission to find where it went and how it got there. Includes some Spanish words and phrases.
- <u>Special delivery</u> by Philip C. Stead A young girl goes to great lengths to deliver an elephant to her lonely Great Aunt Josephine.
- <u>There's an alligator under my bed</u> by Mercer Mayer This author has many great books perfect for this age. Look for the mouse in the Just me and my....series.

Rhyming Books

- A frog in a bog by Karma Wilson This author's books make great read alouds. Look for her series of entertaining books about a bear including Bear snores on.
- Roadwork! by Sally Sutton This rhyming picture book describes how a road is made. Demolition and Construction are also by Sally Sutton.

Animal Stories

- <u>Cockatoo, too</u> by Bethanie Murguia Tongue-twisting words combine with vibrant illustrations for an exciting read-aloud.
- <u>Froodle</u> by Antioinette Portis You'll laugh out loud at what happens when little brown bird decides to sing a different song.
- <u>If you give a moose a muffin</u> by Laura Numeroff These silly stories are good for retelling or extending. There are several other books in the <u>If you give a</u>... series.
- <u>Sally goes to the farm</u> by Stephen Huneck A wonderful black lab explores the world. Try <u>Sally goes to the beach</u> and <u>Sally goes to the vet</u> also by Stephen Huneck.
- Who's hiding by Satoru Onishi Each page contains a set of simply drawn animals; readers will need to identify who's hiding as well as other changes in the pictures.
- You are (not) small by Anna Kang A hilarious story about how size depends on who is standing next to you. Look for I am (not) scared, and That's (not) mine.

Just for fun

- <u>Children make terrible pets</u> by Peter Brown A funny story about a bear who learns how hard it is to take care of a pet.
- <u>I love trains</u> by Philemon Sturgess You are sure to find a book to meet your little one's interests from this author. <u>I love planes</u> and <u>I love bugs</u> are also by Philemon Sturgess.
- Nighttime Ninja by Barbara DaCosta Ninjas...treasure...What could be more fun to read?
- Pete's a pizza and many others by William Steig A fun book, especially on a rainy day.
- <u>Press here</u> by Herve Tullet A simple but ingenious book of dots. So fun!
- <u>Rude Cakes</u> by Rowboat Watkins A not-so-sweet cake learns an important lesson about manners from a cake-loving Cyclopes.
- <u>Supertruck</u> When a blizzard comes, a mysterious superhero saves the day. But why does he disappear when the job is done?

Amazing Nonfiction

- <u>Ocean counting</u> (National Geographic Little Kids) by Janet Lawler A perfect blend of nature photography and counting. <u>African Animal Alphabet</u> by Beverly Joubert is another great addition to the *National Geographic Little Kids* series.
- <u>Stripes of all types</u> by Susan Stockdale A colorful look at why stripes occur so often in nature. Begs for a follow-up stripes scavenger hunt on an outdoor walk.
- <u>Tree: A peek-through picture book</u> by Britta Teckenturp This rhyming text teaches about the animals that call a tree home. The peek-through pages are visually engaging. Look for <u>Bees</u> by the same author.
- <u>Woodpecker wham!</u> by April Palley Sayre A perfect choice for young ornithologists. The beautiful illustrations will grab any young person's interest.