Benefits of Summer Reading

- Increases momentum they gained in reading during the school year
- Provides time for practice to strengthen the skills and strategies they’ve learned in school
- Provides time to read a variety of genres
- Improves accuracy, fluency, and comprehension
- Prepares children for the challenges of the next grade level
3 Ways to Read at Home

Read to your child

Read with your child

Let your child read to you
Let your children hear fluent reading.

Choose high-interest books.

Talk about the book when you are finished.
Reading with Your Child

- Read most of the story, encouraging your child to join in when able.
- Begin reading and allow your child to take over when comfortable.
- Read alternate pages.
- Have your child read the story and give assistance when necessary.
- Talk about the story when finished.
- PRAISE! PRAISE! PRAISE!
Listen to Your Child Read

- Be a good listener.
- **Reread** favorite stories to develop fluency.
- Praise good attempts and encourage efforts.
- **Be patient.** Allow your child time to correct mistakes and work through difficult times of the story.
If your child struggles with a word try the following steps with your child:

- Look at the picture
- Reread the sentence to see what would make sense
- Look at the beginning of the word
- Tell your child the word
- Remember—many words cannot be sounded out!
Be Patient and Positive

- Children learn to read at different rates
- Make reading “fun” at home.
- Show your child that you are a reader too!
- Praise the small steps!
Set a Reading Goal

- Read for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, then give a small reward
- Read a book or two, then give a small reward
- Keep track on a calendar—small star for reading each day.
- Make rewards fun and simple—gum, ice cream, small toy
- End the summer reading with a larger reward—trip to the book store
Resources

- Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program
  http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/srp
- Reading Rockets
  http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents
- Guys Read  http://www.guysread.com
- ReadKiddoRead  http://www.readkiddoread.com/home
- Fox Mill ES Website > Student Pages
  http://www.fcps.edu/FoxMillES/studentpages/stupgs.html