



## Read Teddy's Summer Reading Tips

### How to Support Your Young Readers

Summer reading should be fun reading – free of homework and book reports, kids get to pick their own adventure! While the “Summer Slide” might sound like a lot of fun, it unfortunately describes the way skills – especially reading skills – tend to slip during the summer break. Read Teddy has lots of simple ideas to support the reading habit and help strengthen reading skills all summer long!

- **Make a comfortable and quiet nook for reading.** Read Teddy recommends adding a plush furry friend to read with!
- Read Teddy loves the library! Make **library visits** a part of your routine.
- **Puzzles and games**, MADLibs, and alphabet games like “I Spy” are sneaky ways to practice literacy skills.
- **Reading aloud** is not just for babies: a chapter a night is a great way to wind down and share a story.
- No time to read aloud? **Share audiobooks.** Audiobooks build vocabulary and improve comprehension – and you can listen while gaming, going for a walk, or cleaning your cave!
- **Ask questions:** “What is the name of this book?” “What do you think this book will be about?” “What’s happening in the story you’re reading?”
- **Summertime is no time for rules:** If your young person doesn’t like a book, they can put it down. They don’t have to finish one book before starting another. And this goes for grownups too!
- **Rereading is reading.** Many kids return to a beloved story many times –and often get something new out of it every time.
- **Tell your own stories.** Kids of all ages have stories to tell. Make family storytelling a habit – take turns sharing your own true or made-up stories. It’s a sneaky way to improve fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, and you’ll make some great memories. Kids need to know that their own stories are important even if they’re not printed on a page.
- **Be a good reading role model.** Pick up your own leisure reading habit – whether you read for fun or to stay informed, every page you turn reinforces the value of the printed word.





## Kickstart your summer reading adventures with these fun titles!



- **Frankie and Friends: Breaking News** by Christine Platt, illustrated by Alea Marley
- **Our Pool** by Lucy Ruth Cummins
- **Hoops** by Matt Tavares
- **What Is the Women's World Cup** by Gina Shaw, illustrated by Ted Hammond
- **Piper Chen Sings** by Phillipa Soo & Maris Pasquale Doran, illustrated by Qin Leng
- **National Geographic Readers: Hippos (Level 1)** by Maya Myers
- **Narwhal and Jelly #6: Narwhal's School of Awesomeness** by Ben Clanton
- **Yasmin the Astronaut** by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly
- **Llama Llama Loves to Read** by Anna Dewdney & Reed Duncan



Check out some bonus books about bears below!



## BONUS BOOKS ABOUT BEARS!

- **Thank You, Bear** by Greg Foley
- **Bears Are Best! The Scoop About How We Sniff, Sneak, Snack, and Snooze!** by Joan Holub, illustrated by Laurie Keller
- **Bear Helps the Forest (Maybe You Help, Too)** by Karen Lynn Williams, illustrated by Andrés Landazábal
- **No Hay Nada Más Chistoso Que Leer Con un Oso (Bears Make the Best Reading Buddies)** by Carmen Oliver, illustrated by Jean Claude
- **The Ice Cream Vanishes** by Julia Sarcone-Roach
- **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
- **All About Bears (National Geographic Readers, Pre-Reader)** by Jennifer Szymanski

