



Lake St. Rewards Zone

Ways to earn Rewards Points:



- Read a book and take an online quiz through *Reading Counts*. Points earned between June 17-Aug.29 will count towards summer Rewards. (Points vary with difficulty level of book.)*



- Read a book and complete a Lake Street School Summer Reading Log - for books not available on *Reading Counts* or if you do not have online access (2 Points per response).



- Complete a math activity from the Vernon Public Schools Summer Math Learning Packet and record it on the Vernon Math Log. (1 Point per activity).



- Register and complete activities from The Commissioner's Math Challenge online. Complete the Commissioner's Badge/Log. <https://www.quantiles.com/accounts/registration/> (3 points per each badge earned)

Remember to Return Logs in the fall!



Note: These are some tools to help you Build a Better You! Pick and choose...You may try them all or just stick to your favorites. The important thing is to keep practicing and building your skills!

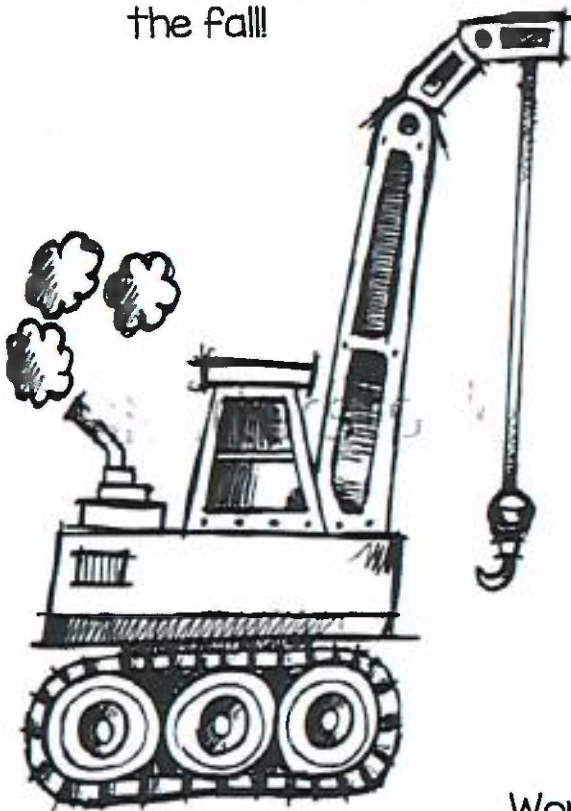
*Reading Counts points will be sent to our reading team electronically. No additional log is needed for those books read and quizzed online. This, along with our Lake St. Reading log replaces the Governor's Reading Challenge log.

Build a Better You!



Dear LSS Student,

You have worked so hard to build your reading and math skills this year. Don't let the summer set you back! To help motivate you, we are introducing the **Lake Street Rewards zone**. For each reading or math task you complete during the summer break, you will earn points. The more points you earn, the more rewards you will be treated to! Check out these AWESOME Prizes waiting for you when you return in the fall!



100 Points = VIP Pizza Picnic

75 Points = 10 Homework Passes

50 Points = Bounce House

25 Points = Extra Recess & Sundaes

15 Points = Minute Challenge Games

10 Points = Bookmark & Pencil

Wondering how to pile up those points?

See the back for ways to build your way to a better you!





Lake Street School Summer Reading

June 13, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian of _____

To maintain and strengthen all the literacy skills students have learned this year, it is crucial for students to read throughout the summer. Research has shown that students who do not read during the summer, can lose up to three months of reading progress. In order to promote summer reading and to help maintain your child's reading progress from this past school year, Lake Street School has launched a Houghton Mifflin Harcourt program called Reading Counts! Students can take quizzes on books they read in the summer and receive points. See the student letter in the Summer Folder for more information on receiving points and rewards.

To access the program:

1. Go to the Lake Street School website and click on the words "Reading Counts" in the upper right hand corner. If an Adobe flash icon appears, click "allow".
2. The student login page will appear. Have your child enter his/her username and password which is attached to this letter and the student letter.
3. Search for a quiz by title and/or author. Click on the title of the book to start the quiz.

If needed, you may read the questions and the answers to your child. Otherwise, your child can complete the quiz independently. Your child receives points when he/she correctly answers 7 out of 10 questions. If your child does not pass the quiz, he/she can check which answers were incorrect, reread the book to find the correct responses, and take the quiz again after 3 days. Your child can retake a quiz up to 3 times to receive points. If your child still does not pass a quiz after 3 attempts, have him/her write an entry for the book on the reading log in the Summer Folder. If you cannot find a quiz for the book, your child can also write an entry for the book on the reading log. Your child will receive 2 points for each entry on the reading log. During the summer, if your child needs more reading logs, copies will be left in the school office and will be available on our school's website by clicking on the words Summer Reading Log on the homepage.

When reading books for the Reading Counts program, your child should be reading books from levels _____. For the most part, your child should be able to independently read books in his/her level range. However, your child may need to read a higher level book with you or another family member. Suggested books for your child's reading level range can be found at booksource.com. On the homepage, click on the

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Reading Levels tab, click on the Guided Reading box, select the letters for your child's reading level range, then click on Search. You can purchase the books or write down the titles and see if the Rockville Public Library has the books.

On June 19th, the reading and math specialists will be in the school library from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM so that your child can take a Reading Counts quiz on a book he/she has already read and answer any questions you may have about summer reading and summer math. Throughout the rest of the summer, the computer lab in the library will be available, dependent on summer construction, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM for students who do not have internet access. This time will be used to complete quizzes for summer reading only. Parents must remain with their children at all times.

If you have any questions about summer reading and the Reading Counts program, you can email Suzanne Ruiz at suzanne.ruiz@vernonct.org.

Thank you for supporting your child's continued growth in reading this summer.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Ruiz
Reading Specialist

Amy Hardell
Reading Specialist

The Feeling of Success is Doing Your Very Best!



The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

A Message to Parents and Students

Why does the State of Connecticut sponsor the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge? Because reading is the most important skill there is. Research shows that reading is crucial to a child's brain development and intellectual stimulation. And that's just the beginning:



Reading is a gateway skill. It opens the door to all other learning.



Reading is the processing of information. It requires the student to develop a capacity for conceptual thinking — an ability to think about the nature and significance of things.



Reading builds language skills. By becoming more familiar with language through reading, students build a rich vocabulary and an ability to express themselves clearly and creatively.



Reading builds better thinking strategies. Analyzing words, sentences, themes and meaning; concentrating, conceptualizing and visualizing — all these elements of reading are strategies to expand a student's ability to think.



Reading is active and disciplined. Students learn to choose what they read and when they read, and they learn to discipline themselves to concentrate on the written word.

What YOU Can Do to Encourage Reading



Use the library.

Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Help children learn how to use the library's resources: card catalogs, computer systems, best-seller sections, etc. Visit regularly — as often as you go to the grocery store.



Read every day.

Make it a habit to set aside time each day for everyone to read—books, magazines, newspapers, letters. You can even begin by reading television listings, then discussing what you will watch together and why.



Talk about what you're reading.

Children need to see adults reading frequently. They also need to know the benefits of reading. Talk to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, even young neighbors about what you're reading. Tell them how much you have enjoyed it, what you have learned, and how you have been inspired.



Ask about summer reading materials.

Schools and libraries often provide summer reading lists that highlight excellent books which are readily available, popular and consistent with grade-level reading skills. Call your school or library for information.



Make reading materials part of your home.

Buy books at bookstores and tag sales. Borrow books from the library and from friends. Subscribe to newspapers and magazines. *Then read, read, read!*

**To learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge,
ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian,
or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education:
860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.**