

Dear LCS Families,

Happy Summer!

Please find the Connecticut Reads 2024 Reading Journal attached. Here, at the LCS Library, we want to encourage you to find ways to give your children the gift of summer reading. Here are some reasons why summer reading is so important to their development and ways that you can support their summer reading habits:

1. **Reading is a gateway skill**—It opens the door to other learning.
2. **Reading is the processing of information**—It requires the student to develop the capacity to think about the nature and significance of things.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Reading is active and disciplined**—Students learn to choose what they read and when they read and they teach themselves to focus on the written word.

How you can support your child:

- Take trips to the public library and get books!
- Model reading. Read everyday.
- Talk about what you are reading and about what your child is reading.
- Make reading materials part of your home. Buy books at bookstores and at tag sales. Borrow books from the library and friends. Get some magazines. Then read, read, read!

Journal Link: <https://bit.ly/3R2p7Tm>

Reading List Link: <https://bit.ly/4ecM6Fc>

Have your child fill out the log as they read this summer, and the LCS Library will celebrate with them upon their return in the fall!

Best Wishes and Happy Summer Reading,

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