




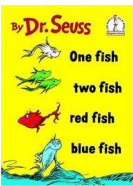


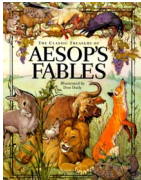




BrainTree Summer Book Bingo

for
grades
K-3

Have fun reading this summer!
Earn BINGO by completing five squares in a row —
up, down, across, or diagonally!
How many bingos can you earn?

Student Name: _____

Parents, please initial in each box as it is completed!

<p>Check out a book from the library and read it</p> 	<p>Have a reading picnic with your family – bring a book to read after you eat</p> 	<p>Read to a pet or an animal</p> 	<p>Read a counting book</p> 	<p>Read a book about school</p> 
<p>Read a book about an animal</p> 	<p>Read a book that rhymes</p> 	<p>Read a mystery book</p> 	<p>Write and illustrate your own story</p> 	<p>Take a walk with your parent and tell them about your favorite book</p> 
<p>Read outside</p> 	<p>Read something from a magazine</p> 	<p>Sign up for Thayer Library's Summer Reading program and start logging your books!</p> 	<p>Read a book about a real person</p> 	<p>Read a fable, folktale or a fairy tale</p> 
<p>Listen to a book on CD or on iPod</p> 	<p>Read a book from a series</p> 	<p>Discuss your book at the dinner table</p> 	<p>Read to someone older or younger</p> 	<p>Read an award-winning book</p> 
<p>Read a book with a one word title</p> 	<p>Write a postcard, email, card, or letter to someone about a book you read</p> 	<p>Read a nonfiction (true) book</p> 	<p>Read a book recommended by a friend</p> 	<p>Make a craft or recipe from a book</p> 

Students entering grades K-3 are at different stages in terms of reading. It's fine to read books aloud or together as you complete the squares on the bingo board. Please initial in each square as your child completes that task. Children will bring their boards to school in September, so watch for news about bingo recognitions from your school!

If students are ready to read books independently, the Goldilocks Strategy is a great way to figure out whether or not a book is "Just Right!"



Using the Goldilocks Strategy to Choose Books

Too Easy Books

Ask yourself the questions below. If you answer YES to most of them, this book is probably "Too Easy" for you. You can still have fun reading "Too Easy" books, but challenge yourself with something new!

1. Is it a favorite book you have read before?
2. Do you understand the story very well?
3. Can you understand and read just about every word?
4. Can you read it easily and smoothly?

Just Right Books

Ask yourself the questions below. If you answer yes, this book is probably a "JUST RIGHT" book for you. Go ahead and learn from it!

1. Is this an interesting book that you want to read?
2. Can you tell another person what is happening in the story and/or what you're learning?
3. Do you sometimes need to reread a part to understand it?
4. Are there just a few words per page you don't know?
5. When you read are most places smooth and some choppy?

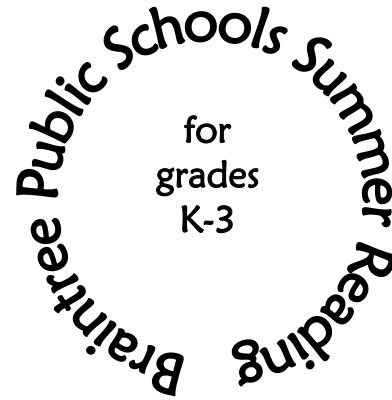


Too Hard Books

Ask yourself the questions below. If you answer yes to most of them, this book is probably "Too HARD" for you. Perhaps, someone can read the book to you. Give it another try on your own later.

1. Are you confused about what is happening in most of this book?
2. Is it hard to understand even when you reread?
3. Do you need lots of help to read this book?

From: Reading Essentials By Regie Routman (Heinemann: Portsmouth, NH) 2003.



Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you and your student are enjoying the conclusion to a productive school year. During the school year, students have many opportunities to read and listen to books. Your support for those same reading experiences at home will help your child continue to grow as a reader, writer, thinker and learner.

As you plan for the summer, please consider the literacy experiences your child will have in these months away from the classroom. Book Bingo is a great way to keep up the learning and the fun! Use the board on the back of this page to earn bingo (or more than one bingo!) as you read, write, and talk about books together this summer.

In addition to local bookstores and online booksellers, the Thayer Public Library is a valuable (and free!) local resource. If you need help in selecting books, do not hesitate to ask the librarian!

For those of you planning travel this summer, consider going beyond the bookshelves and print pages to include audio books in your child's experience. These are available at the library on CD or on iTunes. While audio books are not a replacement for reading, they are a wonderful supplement, especially when experienced with a copy of the actual book.

As you explore these opportunities, remember that summer reading is for pleasure! I hope you and your child find many enjoyable books and stories to be part of your summer. I look forward to working with you through the year to assist with your child's literacy development.

Sincerely,

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