

# Why Reading is Important

The American Library Association has also found a strong connection between daily independent reading habits and overall student performance.



The ALA cites findings from a number of studies:

- Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not.
- The more elementary-aged students read outside of school, the higher they scored on reading achievement tests
- Multiple studies support that even a small amount of independent reading increases primary and elementary students' reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling facility, understanding of grammar, and knowledge of the world.

## Where you can place your child's Summer Reading book order

We highly recommend you visit Amazon using [this link](#) and placing your order through there. You can shop the way you normally do on Amazon, but by clicking this link, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our school, without any additional charge to you!

## Lastly, but most importantly, begin Summer Reading!

Lifelong readers have great role models, let that be you. Find a special place to read with your child. Make reading part of your everyday life activities. If you have an older child, think about turning their summer reading requirements into a book club. Each of you can agree to the number of chapters you want to complete each week then find a place to discuss the book. You can turn reading into wonderful childhood memories.



**All Summer Reading Projects must be turned in on August 17th.**