

# Viewmont Elementary's Summer Reading Program!!

This summer is going to be great!! Fun times with friends, family, and don't forget books!! We want all of our Viewmont friends to read, read, read this summer, and if you do, you can earn the chance to earn

**50 EAGLE Tickets and 2 Tickets to a Bees Game!**

## How to participate

1. Read 20 books this summer if you going into first or second grade, read 24 books if you are going into third, fourth, fifth or sixth grade. They can be picture books or chapter books, just pick up a book and READ!!
2. Mark your BINGO card and record the author and titles of the books you read.
3. For your Bees tickets, fill out the Bees Rewards Form and mail in by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. For your Eagle tickets, bring your completed BINGO card the first week of school and turn it in to the office. Any questions- email Mrs. Lightfoot [jlightfoot@murrayschools.org](mailto:jlightfoot@murrayschools.org)

# Why is Summertime Reading Important?

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Children who do not read over the summer will lose more than two months of reading achievement. Summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of 6th grade children who lose reading skills over the summer will be 2 years behind their classmates.

As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. There are many strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading:

Combine activities with books: Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity? If you're going to a baseball game, suggest that your child read a book about a favorite player beforehand. In the car or over a hot dog, you'll have lots of time to talk about the book and the game.

Visit the library: If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up for one. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many libraries have fun, child-friendly summer reading programs.

Help Kids find time to read: Summer camp, music lessons, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. When planning summer activities with children, remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading. Some convenient times may be before bedtime or over breakfast.

Have plenty of reading material around: Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

