

# Timberlane Regional School District Summer Reading



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Dear Grade 1 Families,

Students need a strong foundation in reading and writing in order to reach their full potential. Reading outside of the classroom is critical for maintaining and expanding a child's literacy skills, especially over the extended summer break. Research suggests that students should spend a minimum of 20 minutes a day reading. This could be listening to a book read aloud or practicing their own reading skills. Conversations about each book increase enjoyment and connection to texts. As students discuss or write about what happened in the book, as well as things the books make them think about, the deeper a love for literature is developed.

Timberlane's summer goal is simple: Help students connect with books (both fiction and non-fiction) to grow a love for learning and engagement in texts. This will inspire students to become lifelong readers. To this end, we are sending each student home with a book that we hope will be read and reread over the summer.

Incoming Grade 2 students will receive both...



Jonathan Fenske tells three humorous stories of two friends, Pig and Fox, and their shenanigans with a cardboard box (all of which involved Pig accidentally crushing Fox in the box). With comic art and simple language, this book will have kids rolling with laughter.

Croc is grumpy. Ally is happy. Croc sees a problem. Ally finds a solution. In *Friends Forever*, whether it's choosing new chairs, going for a walk, or looking for the moon, these best friends will always work together despite their differences.

These are great books to share with your child until they can tackle them independently. Encourage your child to use the strategies they know to decode words and follow up with conversations or students writing about friendship or silly experiences.

One way to share and celebrate reading is to visit local bookstores or libraries and peruse selections. Be sure to also check out local area library schedules for events occurring through the summer, hyperlinks below.

Danville <https://colbymemoriamlibrary.org/>  
Plaistow <https://www.plaistowlibrary.com/>  
Sandown <http://www.sandownlibrary.us/>  
Atkinson <https://kimballlibrary.com/>

Below are some optional activities to go with your summer reading book, *A Pig, A Fox, and a Box* by Jonathan Fenske and *Croc and Ally Friends Forever* by Derek Anderson.

#### *Croc and Ally Friends Forever* by Derek Anderson

- Visit Derek Anderson’s website for a behind-the-scenes look at how the Croc and Ally books were made. <https://www.derekanderson.net/CrocandAlly.html>
- Write a letter to Croc encouraging him not to be so grumpy.
- Visit Pebble Go (<https://site.pebblego.com/> username: pollard password: school). Click on the “Animals” tile and then the “Reptiles” tile. Read (or listen) about alligators and crocodiles. How are they the same? How are they different?

#### *A Pig, A Fox, and a Box* by Jonathan Fenske

- Visit this website to hear how to pronounce Jonathan Fenske’s last name. <https://www.teachingbooks.net/pronounce.cgi?aid=25510> What would you tell others about pronouncing your last name?
- List all the words from the story that rhyme with “pig” and “fox”. Can you think of more?
- Draw a new chair for Ally. Will it be big or small? Hard or soft? What color will it be? Make it crazy!
- Tell a family member or a friend about a time you played a trick on someone.