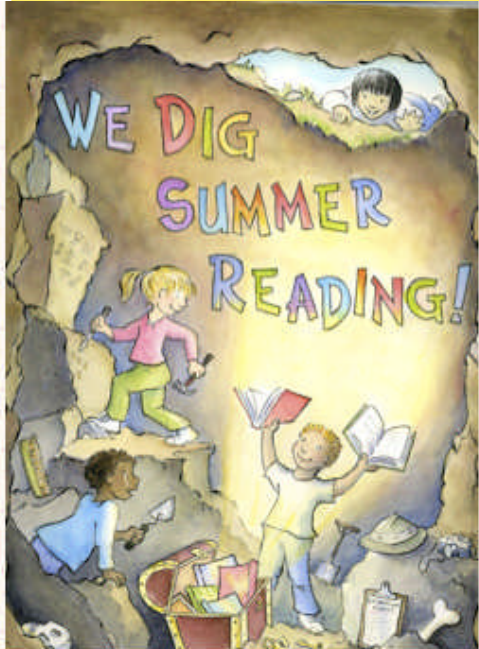




Keep Your Children Reading Over the Summer!



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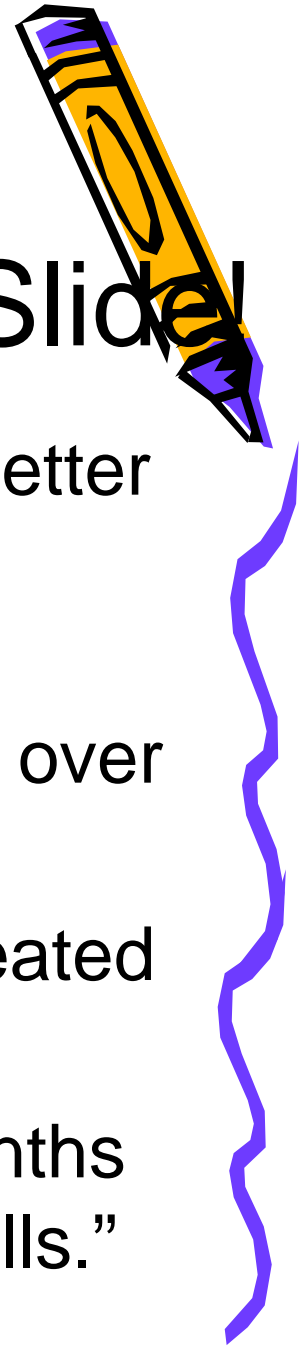
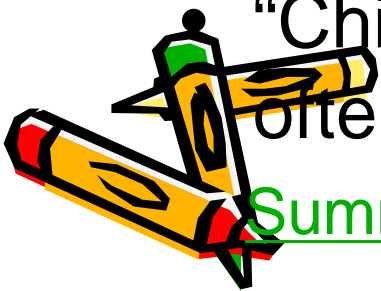


Avoid the Summer Slide!

- Children who read over the summer do better in school.
- *Summer Slide* is a term that is used to describe educational setbacks that occur over the summer months.
- Reading is a life skill and skills need repeated practice.

“Children who read over the summer months often gain, rather than lose, important skills.”

[Summer Slide CBS Video](#)



How Can You Keep Your Child Reading Over the Summer Months?

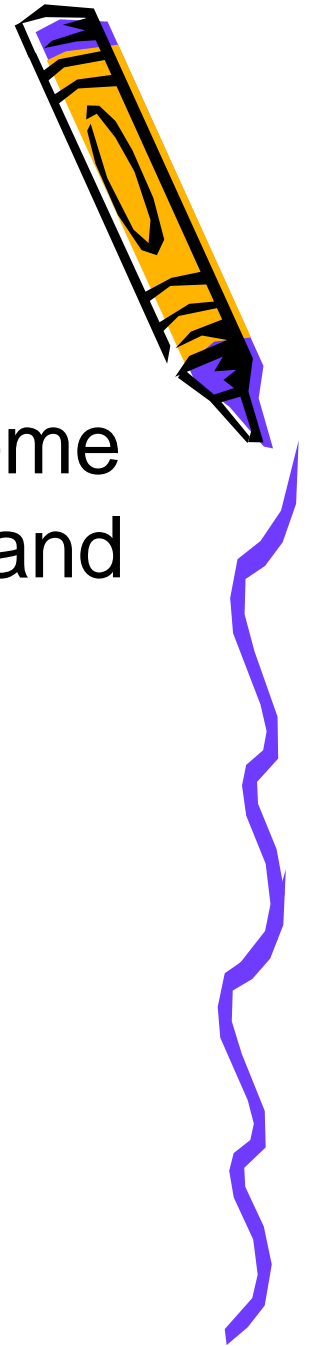


- Tap into their interests
- Research before going on vacations
- Become a part of the Glenview Public Library Program!
- Create a neighborhood book club for kids.
- Model reading, read together, discuss
- Listen to books on tape
- Read books online (see source page)
- Read poetry



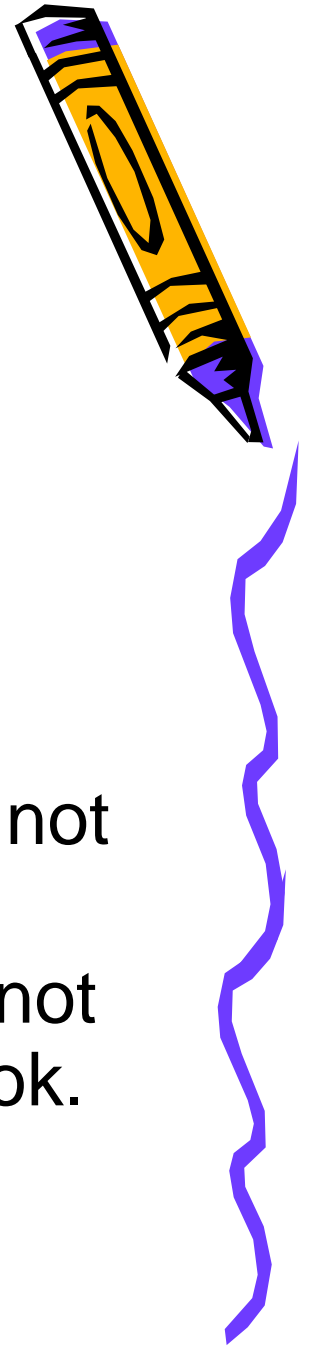
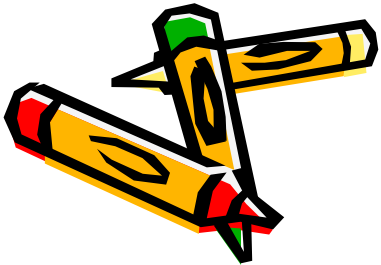
Finding a Book

- Book Lists on the Pleasant Ridge home page (3,4,5, entering middle school and Battle of the Books for 2009)



Choosing the 'Just Right' book

- Five Finger Rule
 - Choose a book that you think you will enjoy
 - Read the second page
 - Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or don't know
 - If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.



Too Easy

- Books that are too easy are good to read sometimes to help build fluency. Children will read them with 100% accuracy.



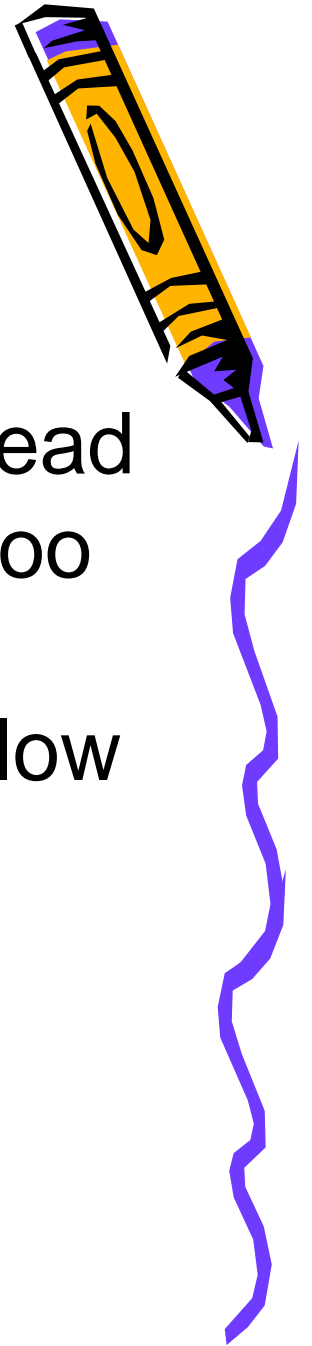
Just Right

- Books that are just right help children to use the skills and strategies they are learning at school to help them figure out words. Children can read these books with 95-100% accuracy.



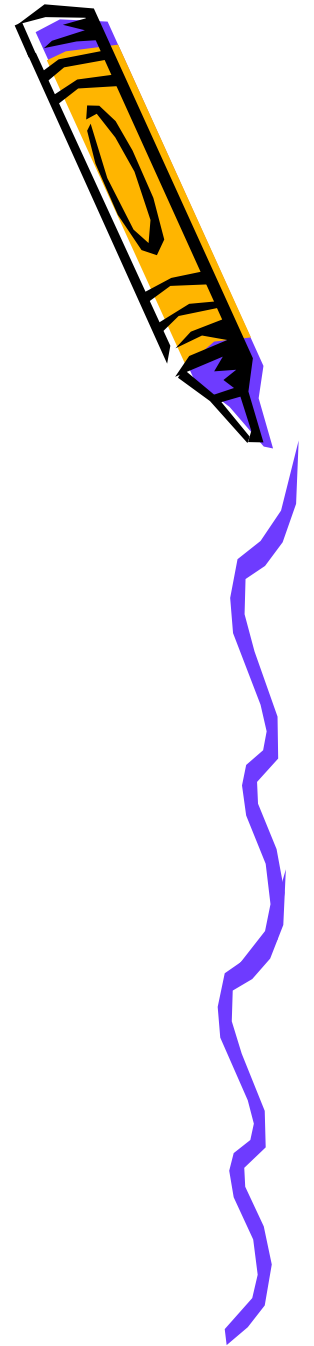
Too Hard

- Books that are too hard need to be read to children. Reading books that are too hard cause frustration. Books that children read at 89% accuracy or below are too hard.



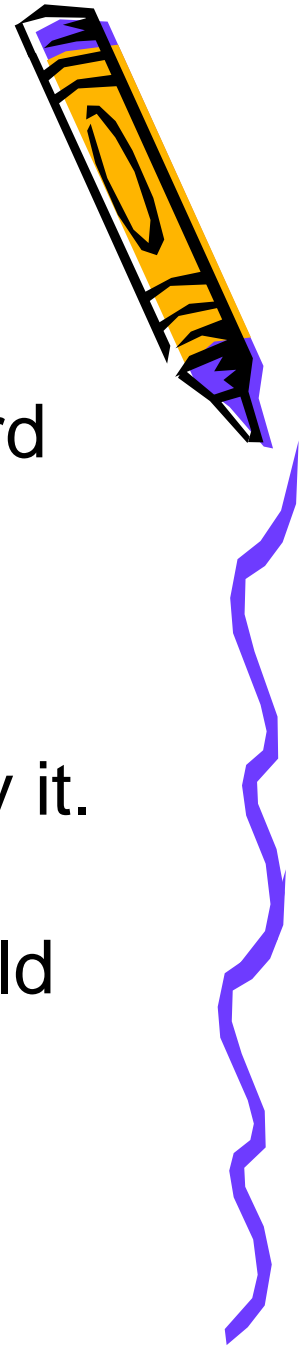
Choose a book that is a good fit for you!

- Will it be an easy fun book to read?
 - Do I understand what I am reading?
 - Do I know almost every word?
 - When I read it aloud, can I read it smoothly?
 - Do I think the topic will interest me?



When your child can't read a word..

- Look at the first and last sound. What word would make sense?
- Does it have a pattern you have seen in other words?
- Put your finger under the word as you say it.
- Skip the word and read to the end of the sentence. Go back and think of what would make sense.



If your child wants to read a book that is too hard...

- Tell them we can read the book together.
- This is a book you will enjoy more if you save it until you are older--or later in the year.
- When people read books that are too hard for them, they often skip important parts. You will have more fun with this book if you wait until you can read it easily.



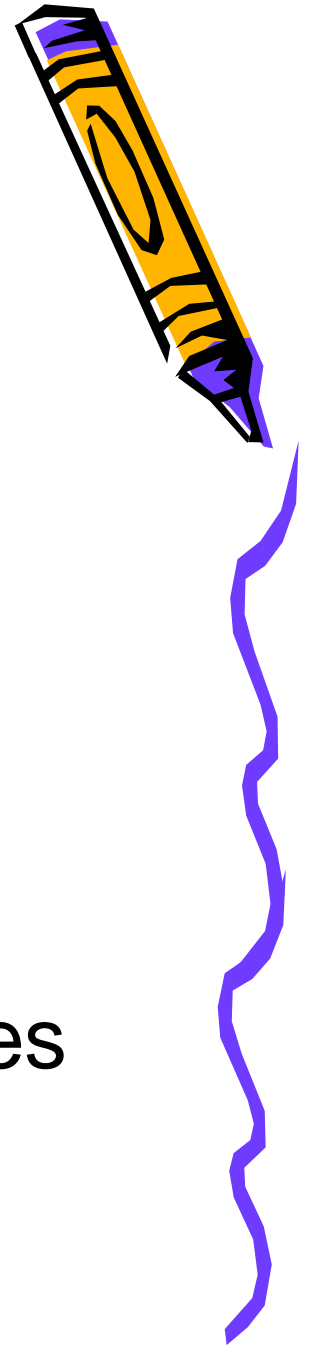
Use Summer Fun to Build Background Knowledge

- Take Summer field trips--to to the park, the zoo, hike
- Talk about it--talk about the things you see, ask questions
- Follow up with a book--find out what interests your child and visit the library to get more information



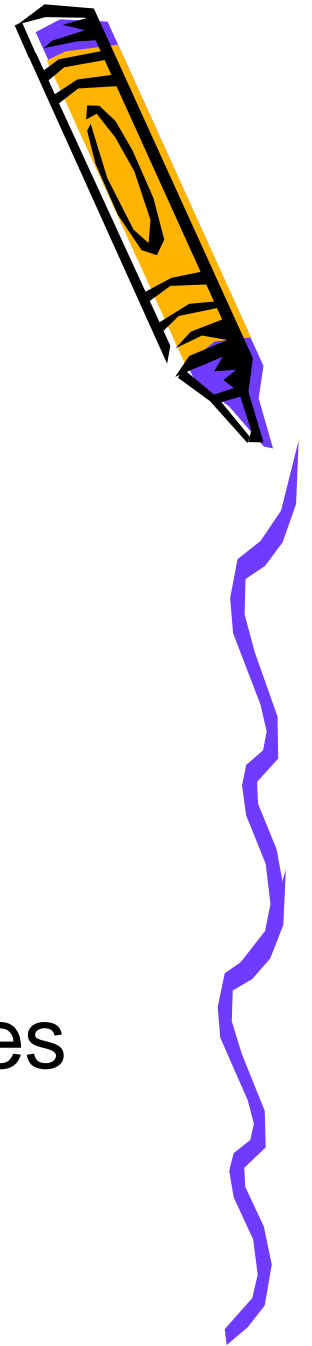
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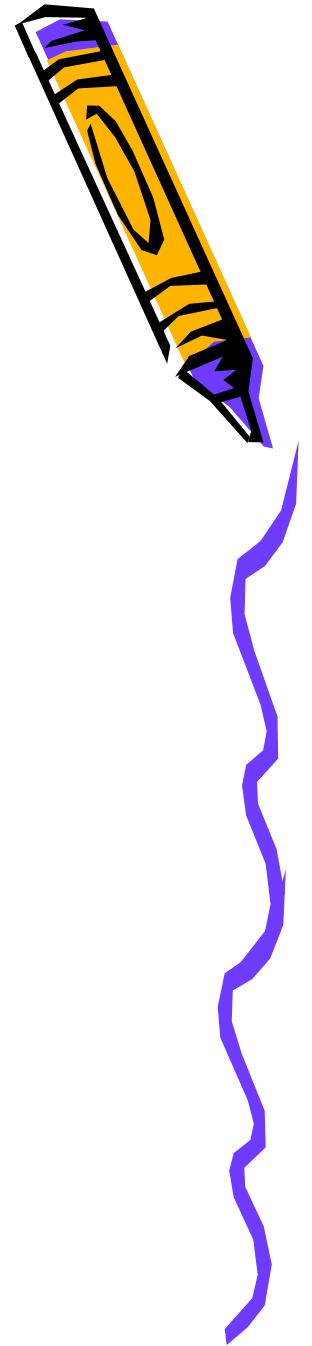
- Create signs and labels to identify things in his/her room.
- Take a road trip--read travel directions.
- Put on a play--read lines.
- Write messages for your child to read.
- Host a scavenger hunt--provide written clues that lead to a small treasure.



Sources

- [Motivating Children to Read, Think and Learn Over the Summer Months](#)
- [Read, Write, Think](#)
- [reading rockets video-Ron Fairchild](#)
- [A Love for Reading Video YouTube](#)
- [Ways to Avoid the Summer Slide](#)
- [CBS News Summer Slide Video](#)
- [Leveled Booklists](#)

[Choosing a Just Right Bookmark](#)



Additional Websites

- [Http://school.familyeducation.com](http://school.familyeducation.com)
- www2.scholastic.com/browse/parents homepage.jsp
- www.readingrockets.org



- “We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.”

BF Skinner

