

# Summer Reading

*Engaging students, Extending learning*

A presentation to School Committee  
June 12, 2019



## WHY summer reading?

- ▶ Numerous studies indicate that students who don't read or read infrequently during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline.

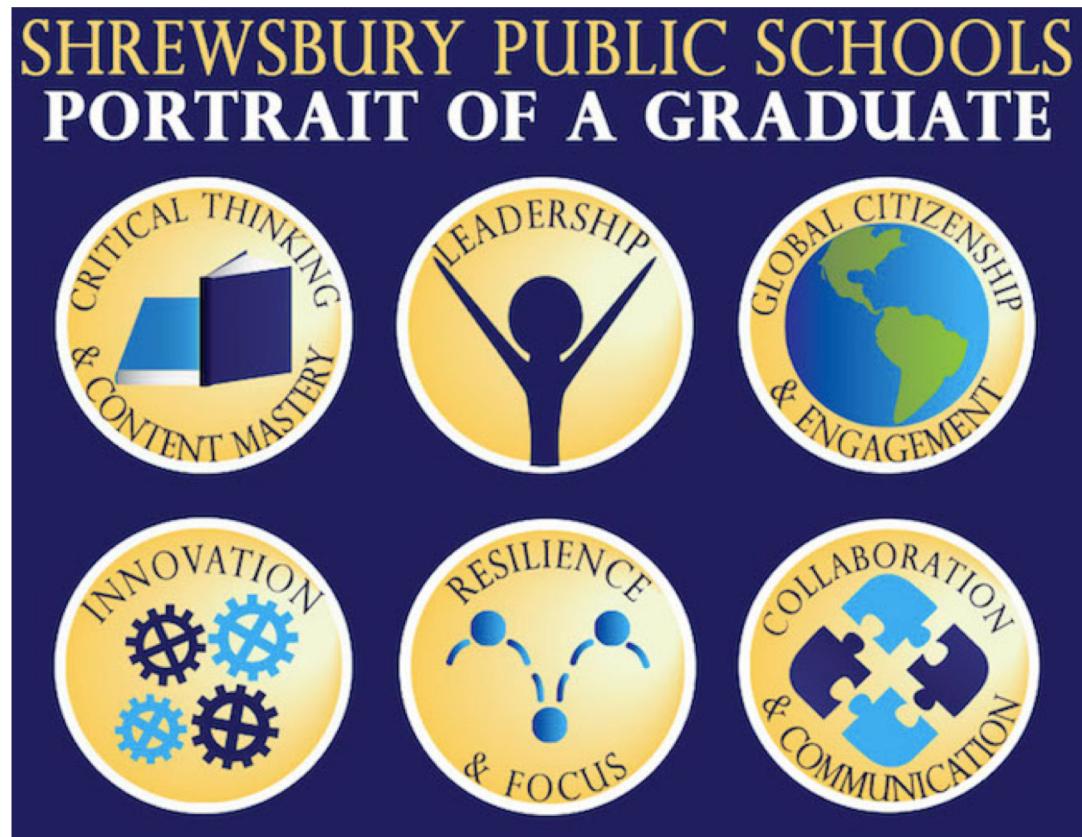
▶ (ED.gov, 2011)



Summer learning loss during elementary school accounts for two-thirds of the achievement **GAP IN READING** between low-income children and their middle-income peers by ninth grade.<sup>2</sup>

*Based on a study by Johns Hopkins University*

# New Approach, New Opportunities



*Graphic by Alexandra Lekas, SHS Class of 2018*

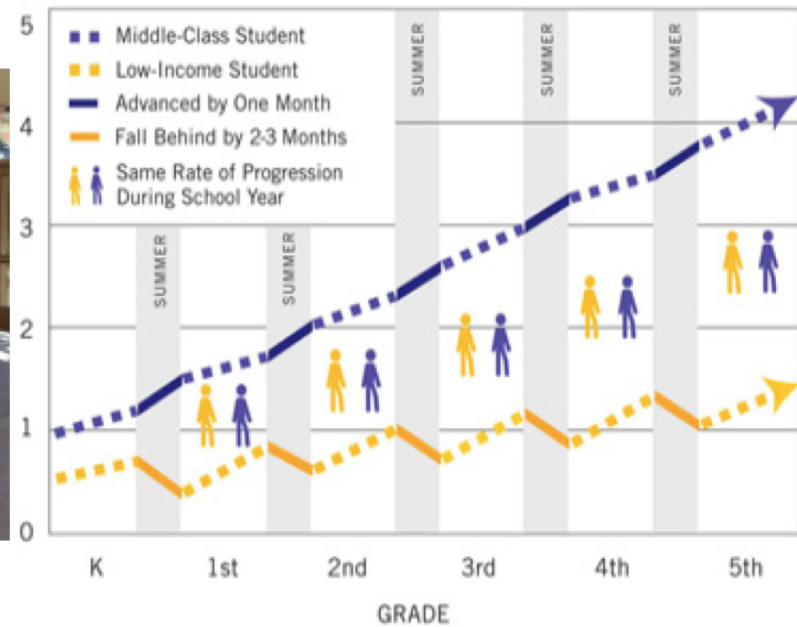
# The Big Idea

THIS

NOT THAT



Low-Income Students Fall 2.5 to 3 Years Behind by Fifth Grade




Source: Cooper, H., Borman, G., & Fairchild, R. (2010). "School Calendars and Academic Achievement." In J. Meece & J. Eccles (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Schools, Schooling, and Human Development* (pp. 342-355). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.



# The Details

## Shrewsbury Public Schools K-4 Summer Reading Bingo

Read while sitting on a beach blank or towel.	Read a book you borrowed from a library, or read at the library.	Read twice in the same day.	Read a book that makes you laugh out loud.	Turn out the light and read using a flashlight.
Read a book you loved when you were younger.	Read a Caldecott Medal or Caldecott Honor book.	Read a book and invent a new title for it.	Read a book that has an animal on the cover.	Read in your favorite cozy spot.
Read a book with comics in it.	Read a recipe from a cookbook.	Read anything you like to read! 	Read at least 5 poems found in a poetry book.	Read a book from the SPS summer reading list.
Read a book published this year.	Read when it is raining or thundering.	Read a fantastic nonfiction book.	Read while wearing a swimsuit.	Read to someone over the phone or over your computer.
Read a great biography.	Take turns reading with someone.	Read out loud to an animal (real or stuffed).	Read while wearing sandals or flip-flops.	Read in bed in your pajamas.

Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____
Teacher: _____	Teacher: _____	Teacher: _____	Teacher: _____	Teacher: _____

# At Sherwood

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**SUMMER READING  
GRADE 5**

Please complete this graphic organizer based on ONE of the books you read this summer. You will use this to do some activities about your summer reading when you return to school in the fall.

**Starburst:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rectangles:**

BEGINNING \_\_\_\_\_

THE MOST IMPORTANT DETAILS

MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_

END \_\_\_\_\_

**Cloud:** my connections \_\_\_\_\_

**Heart:** I really liked ... \_\_\_\_\_

## Grades 7-12: The theme is the thing

- ▶ “Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.”

— **John Dewey**

- ▶ Grade 7: Using Your Voice
- Grade 8: The Individual and the Community
- Grade 9: Facing Adversity
- Grade 10: Seeking Justice
- Grade 11: Exploring Your Dream
- ▶ Grade 12: Finding Your Way\*



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The more you read, the more you know.  
The more you know, the smarter you grow.

The smarter you grow, the stronger your  
voice when speaking your mind or  
making a choice.

~American Library Association

# Beyond Books

► <https://shrewsburyma.gov/369/E-Content>

E-Content



Beyond  
Summer



# Thanks.

*That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.* ~ Jhumpa Lahiri

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# Thanks.

*I have always imagined that paradise would be a kind of library.*

~ Jorge Luis Borges

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