

Scholastic's 2018 Summer Reading Challenge

A Magical Summer of Reading!

Tips for Parents

For more than a decade, the **Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge** has helped keep children reading all summer long. **Here are 6 things you need to know:**

1. The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge...what is it? Now in its 12th year, the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a free online and mobile reading program aimed to keep students reading all summer long. Students can read books and log their reading minutes throughout the 18 weeks of summer to earn digital rewards and learn about great new books to read. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in the United States, this year's theme is "**A Magical Summer of Reading**," which comes to life on the website with the beautiful Harry Potter illustrations by Jim Kay.

2. Why should we join? The latest research from the *Students & Family Reading Report™: 6th Edition* shows 80 percent of students ages 6-17 and 96% of their parents agree "reading books during the summer helps students during the school year!" However, many students need help finding books to read for fun. **Studies show that when students do not read over the summer, they lose core reading skills and fall behind when they go back to school. Keeping students reading over the summer helps them maintain or increase their reading and learning skills.**

3. What makes this year so different? We've got a brand-new, mobile-responsive website this year so your child can track summer reading minutes on the go! There are also tons more content all across the site, including videos, activities, book lists, and more. And don't forget, the Scholastic Summer Reading Road Trip will hit the road again this summer, featuring a traveling pop-up book festival in your local town.

4. How do I sign my child up? All Lowell School students have been registered! Use the username and password given to your child to begin logging in reading minutes!

5. What's the benefit of having my child's minutes count for the school? This year, the Summer Reading Challenge will recognize one school in each state with the most reading minutes. At the end of the summer, Scholastic will present each winning school with a "Celebration in a Box" that will come complete with items to host a school-wide reading celebration: a plaque, a banner, streamers, balloons, and certificates for the children.

6. I need help finding books for my students. Any suggestions? Yes, we have a free booklist in English and Spanish of top titles that will help even the most reluctant reader find the book perfect over the summer at scholastic.com/summer.

Go to scholastic.com/summer to get started! Your child's username and password were sent home.

Use timer to count minutes read.

Add your reading minutes – make sure you add ✓

Click on **MAP** in the website to find The Lowell School - zip code is 11357 .

Any questions – please email curriculum@thelowellschool.com