



Recommended Summer Reading

Dear Parents,

Reading is one of the most important skills for success in school.

At Bet Breira, we not only recognize the value of reading in regard to academic achievement, but we also appreciate the bonding experience that can occur when families read with one another.

Snuggle up and set aside a quiet time each day when your entire family can read or hear a book read aloud. This will provide the adults in the family an opportunity for their own reading pleasure, as well as becoming a wonderful “literacy” model to your children at home.

We support current research which recommends that you provide **multiple reading experiences** to children of all ages. These experiences would include; reading to your child/ren from a variety of genres, reading with your child/ren offering guidance, and encouraging your older children to read independently (recreational reading level).

Day School students at Bet Breira are required to read over the summer months to help them retain the skills they have already learned. Parents of Kindergarten children may read the books to them. We are attaching a Summer Reading Log, and an example list of grade-level books. You may help your child choose books from this list or from any summer reading lists that are created from other sources.

Let’s keep reading fun and enjoyable! Students do not need to write book reports and will not be tested on any books that they have chosen to read for pleasure. Simply have your child/ren pass in their reading log to their teacher when school begins, include adults signature, and we will proudly add their name to our new “**Accomplished Readers Club.**” All names on the list will be announced at Shabbat Service at the start of the new school year.

When choosing books for your children, keep these few points in mind:

1. **Summer reading sources are only a guide.** Select books based on appropriate content and reading level for your children.
2. **Summer reading should be at the child’s recreational reading level.** This is the level at which your child can read without frustration, often lower (easier) than the guided reading done in class.
3. **Summer reading should be fun, fun, fun!** Let your child experience the sheer joy of reading for pleasure by following his/her own interests (ex. sports, mysteries, etc). At least he or she is reading, and most importantly, enjoying it!

Happy reading to our wonderful students,

Dr. Hamel and the Bet Breira Day School Teachers

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" -Sir Richard Steele.