

Broadwater Academy

Lower School – 2015 Summer Reading

Summer is a time for rest and recreation. Part of this recreation should include reading good books. Broadwater Academy Lower School students are strongly encouraged to read every day during the summer whenever possible. The chart below provides recommended reading times for each grade level:

Grade	Recommended Reading Times Per Day
Kindergarten	10 – 20 minutes
Grade 1	15 – 25 minutes
Grade 2	20 – 30 minutes
Grade 3	25 – 35 minutes
Grade 4	30 – 45 minutes
Grade 5 and higher	30 – 60 minutes

Try to make the goal of reading daily a family challenge. Take a trip to the library and stock up on books that interest you and your child. Encourage and praise your child as he/she participates in reading anything that is appropriate. For younger children, listening to adults or older siblings read out loud counts as reading time. For older children, encourage your child to read in a room with others who are reading silently, or try reading a story out loud as a family. Ask your child recall questions about characters and details from the story, and discuss the theme and main ideas of the book. As adults, our children should see us setting reading goals and reading daily, also. When children see us reading and know that we value books, they are more likely to value reading and find enjoyment in the process.

It is important to help your child choose books that are at or near their current reading level. Your child's Lexile range will help you do this. **Your child's Lexile range is located on the MAP Student Progress Report under the Reading Section.** Below is some information about Lexile scores:

- Lexile scores show your ability to comprehend what you read.
- Your Lexile range indicates the level of material you can read effectively on your own.
- To become a better reader, **read more** material within your Lexile range.
- Use the Book Finder feature on the Lexile website. Remember to use the "age appropriateness" range when searching for books and refining your searches. Lexile leveled book lists include many books written at the stated "reading level." This does not mean that all of the books will be age appropriate for your child. Parents should preview their children's reading material and help them make age appropriate choices.
- Great books can be found in many places, including the Lexile website (www.lexile.com).

Happy Reading!