



The Schenck School Summer Reading Information and FAQs 2017

Why does my child have to read during the summer?

- The Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins Institute shared research indicating that “students typically lose one to two months of reading and math skills during summer break.”
http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/collection/CB94AEC5-9C97-496F-B230-1BECDFC2DF8B/Research_Brief_04_-_Cooper.pdf
- Summer reading offsets much of this loss. The Center also suggests ways parents can help children continue to learn over the summer. These ways include sharing books and reading aloud, encouraging regular reading, allowing your child to select books, registering your child for a library card and listening to audiobooks. We at The Schenck School agree wholeheartedly.

Can my child listen to a recorded book or have a parent read a book aloud and have it count?

- **Yes, as long as he/she reads along with the book.** Research supports this as an aid to comprehension, fluency and decoding.

Where can I get recorded books?

- We are a member school with [Learning Ally](#). All current students have a login and password they’ve been using during the school year that will be active over the summer. New students will receive this information the first week of school.
- Follow this link for a tutorial and information on usernames and passwords for Learning Ally:
<http://parentsguidetotech.weebly.com/learning-ally.html>
- Your local public library has a large supply of books on tape, CD, Playaway or in downloadable audiobook format. Playaways have the option of controlling the speed at which the book is read. Audiobooks may also be rented or purchased from [Recorded Books](#), iTunes and [Audible.com](#) among others. Kindles and other ereaders have a text-to-speech option for most, but not all, books.

Why do we have to complete the postcards or response sheet?

- The responses serve several purposes. We use them to make decisions about our library collection and classroom teachers gain valuable information about the types and levels of books their students are choosing.
- Students will receive a **one subject homework pass** for completing the response sheet for summer reading. For example, if the required number of books is four, there must be 4 book responses on the sheet. Please help your child complete this and mail it in, email it to summerreading@schenck.org or bring it to school during the 1st week.

More questions?

Contact

library@schenck.org

If you lose the summer reading information it is posted under the library tab on the school website www.schenck.org