




BON APPETIT DARIEN

Darien Library Pre-Reader Challenge 2024

This summer, explore the five Early Literacy skills of reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing! Complete the activities below to earn raffle tickets to enter into our prize baskets. Activities must be completed by August 5th, 2024 to be eligible for prizes.

**Can't complete a challenge?
You can always read a book together instead!**





Re-read a favorite book.

Attend an outdoor storytime.

Sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

Find Sunny the Stegosaurus in the Library.




Say hello to a librarian!

Sing the Pat-a-Cake rhyme.

Draw a picture of your favorite food.

Read a book about emotions.




Hug your favorite stuffed animal 10 times.

Find three letters from the alphabet in the Library.

Dance to your favorite song.

Try a new food!





Visit a restaurant or cafe.

Read a book from the F5 Concepts section.

Blow bubbles outside.

Read a book with a cover that is your favorite color.



How do I sign up and keep track of the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack?



Scan the QR code to the right and create an account or log in to your account from last summer. If your child is not reading by themselves, you can register for the Pre-Reader Challenge. Participants earn one raffle ticket per completed badge: activities are called badges on Beanstack.

Log your child's activities through their Beanstack account and enter your raffle tickets into the prize baskets! Any participant who completes all 16 activities by August 5th will receive a Summer Reading T-shirt.

My child doesn't read yet, why should I participate?

Early Literacy is all about learning and practicing skills that help children get ready to learn to read. It is never too early to start practicing these skills, as children are learning from the moment they are born!

This is too easy/hard for my child...

Birth to five is a huge developmental range: that's why we have included activities that can be adjusted to fit the needs of your child. Make it as easy or challenging as you would like!

For example, "Find a triangle, a circle, and a square":

- For a younger baby, use a 3D object like a block to show them the shape and let them touch it and play with it.
- For a toddler, when reading together ask them to find a triangle on the page.
- For a preschooler, ask them to find triangles in everyday objects and talk to them about the different kinds of triangles.

My favorite books I read this summer:
