



Reading Challenges

Reading is its own reward, right? For seasoned readers, it certainly is! For young readers, however, particularly those who struggle, reward charts can prove motivating while they grow into more confident readers. Reward systems can also help proficient readers prioritize reading, supporting the growth of a lifelong habit.

Why would I reward my kid for a basic expectation, you may ask? We get it. Sometimes reward systems can feel like bribery. But, literacy experts agree that creating reading rewards can help children:

- establish positive reading habits
- build an identity as a reader
- get excited about the act of reading
- feel a sense of accomplishment
- bridge the difficult space between emerging reader and reading proficiency
- set aside time to read

Extrinsic motivation, like a rewards system, can help nurture a lifelong love of reading where reading becomes its own intrinsic reward.

This packet contains a few different reading challenge options:

1. **Reading Superstar Challenge:** This simple chart can help your little reader achieve 20 days of reading. Plan to begin this challenge at the beginning of the month, with the goal of reading at least five days per week. Check off a circle after each reading session. Every five days, your reader will unlock a new reward. Decide on the rewards before you begin the challenge, so readers have a concrete sense of what they are working toward.
2. **The 100 Summer Reading Challenge:** Grab a pack of gold stars and get reading! This chart is perfect for picture book challenges, but can also be used to chart chapter completion. Some families put a spin on this challenge by focusing on Caldecott Medal winners or thematic summer reading. Families can plan small rewards for the completion of each row or wait for a larger reward once the entire challenge is completed.
3. **Summer Reading Goals: Chapter Book Challenge:** Brainstorm possible books to read at the start of the summer, then plan out how long each will take, and what the reward might be. This is a great chart for older readers who can wait until the end of each book for a reward.
4. **Reading Resolutions:** The new year is a time of reflection. We encourage young readers to reflect upon their reading habits and to plan for an exciting new year of reading with this sheet. Readers are presented with a variety of reading challenges, habits to work on, and a log to complete. Talk to your young reader about building agreed-upon rewards into this plan for the year.

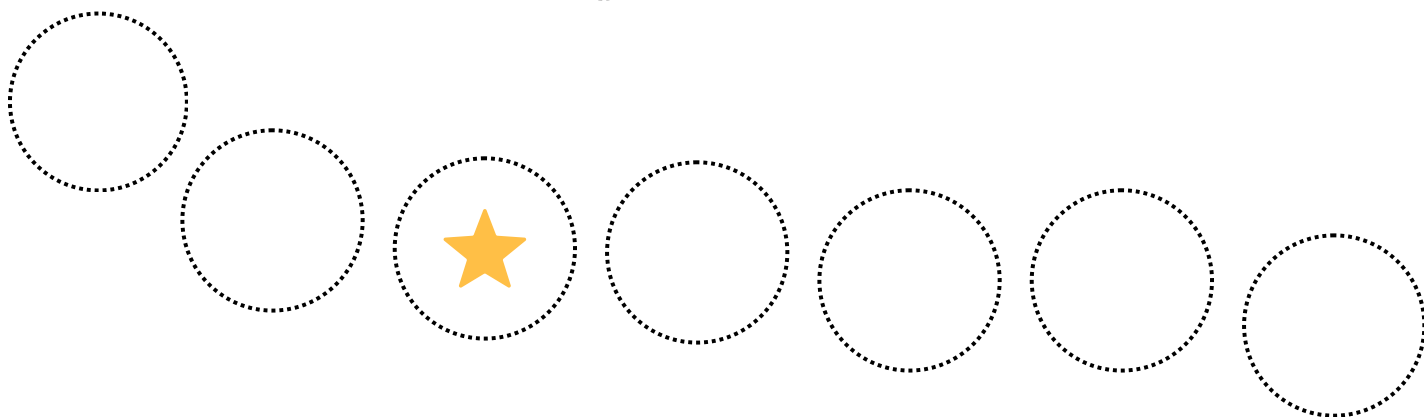
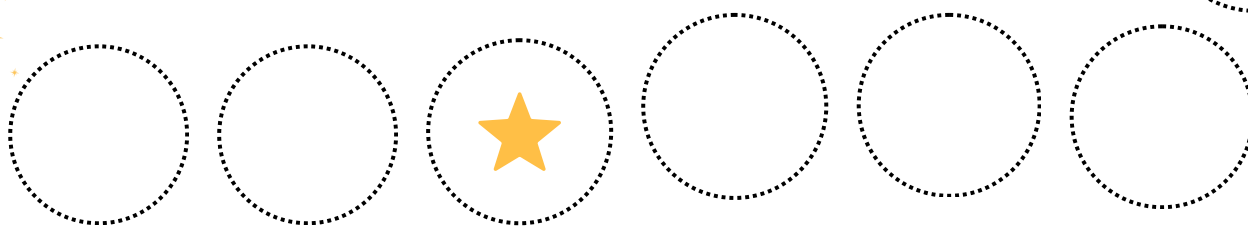
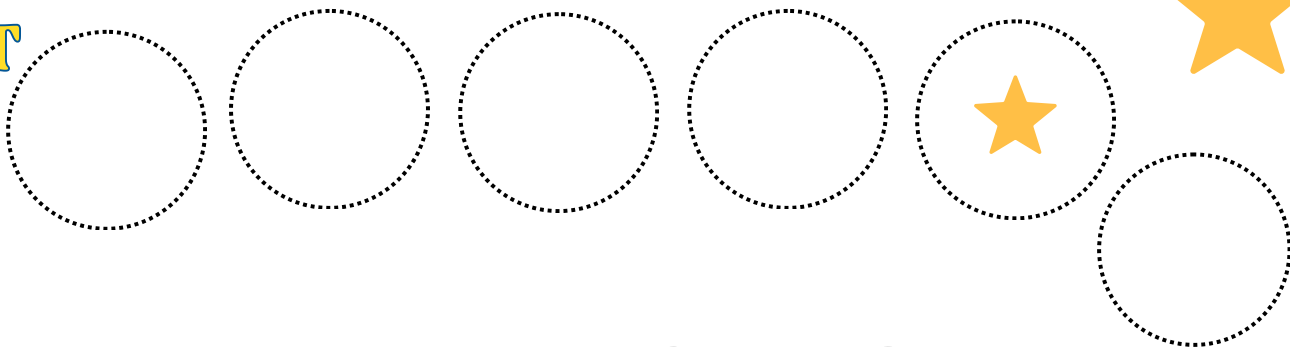
A Note on Rewards

Rewards do not have to be elaborate or even cost money. A challenge might be rewarded with special one-on-one time with a parent or the preparation of a favorite meal. Or, you can build in outings or purchases that you were already planning to do with your family, like taking a trip to the ice cream parlor or purchasing a new pair of shoes. One teacher friend of ours found a large collection of old Strawberry Shortcake Dolls at a garage sale and used the dolls throughout the summer as reading rewards. You know what is best for your family and what will motivate your children!

Reading Superstar

Reading Challenge

START



1st ★ : _____

2nd ★ : _____

3rd ★ : _____

4th ★ : _____

5th ★ : _____



SUCCESS



100 Summer Reading Challenge!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100 

Name: _____

Date Complete: _____



Summer Reading Goals

CHAPTER BOOK CHALLENGE

How many books do you plan to read this summer? _____	What titles are you thinking about reading this summer?
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Keep track of your reading on the tables below. Plan how many pages you will need to read by dividing the total page number in the book by the number of days you have to read. You can also discuss rewards with your family, such as a special meal, treat, or activity. Plan out your reading for the whole summer, or plan each book as you go.

Book Title	Start Date	End Date	Pages Per Day	Reward

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Reading Resolutions

Name _____

Year _____

How many books are you going to try to read each month of this new year? _____

List any books you are planning to read:

Book Resolutions

Choose a few book challenges from the list below to incorporate into your reading plan for the new year. Check off or highlight the ones you plan to try.

- ☐ Read a book a family member recommends.
- ☐ Read a book your teacher recommends.
- ☐ Read a Newbery Award winner or honor book.
- ☐ Read a Caldecott Award winner or honor book.
- ☐ Read a National Book Award winner or honor book.
- ☐ Read a book about someone whose life is very different from your life.
- ☐ Read an autobiography, biography, or memoir.
- ☐ Read a novel in verse.
- ☐ Read a book by an author you already love.
- ☐ Read a new series.
- ☐ Read a work of historical fiction.
- ☐ Read a fantasy that takes place in a different world.
- ☐ Read one of your parents' favorite childhood books.
- ☐ Read a book in a genre you don't usually choose.
- ☐ Read a nonfiction book.
- ☐ Read a book about an activity you love.
- ☐ Read a book that is also a movie or a show.
- ☐ Read a classic.

Reading Habit Resolutions

Choose a few new habits from the list below to incorporate into your reading plan for the new year. Check off or highlight the ones you plan to try.

- ☐ Join or start a book club.
- ☐ Keep a list of the books you've read.
- ☐ Read every night before bed.
- ☐ Set aside quiet family reading time during the day.
- ☐ Cook book-themed food.
- ☐ Have a monthly family read aloud.
- ☐ Write and share book reviews.
- ☐ Read regularly to a younger sibling.
- ☐ Set a daily page goal.
- ☐ Read for at least 20 minutes every day.
- ☐ Write fan fiction.

Reading Log

Write down the title and the author of all of the books you read this year. It will be fun to review your list and determine favorites at the end of the year. Print this page out again if you need more room.

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