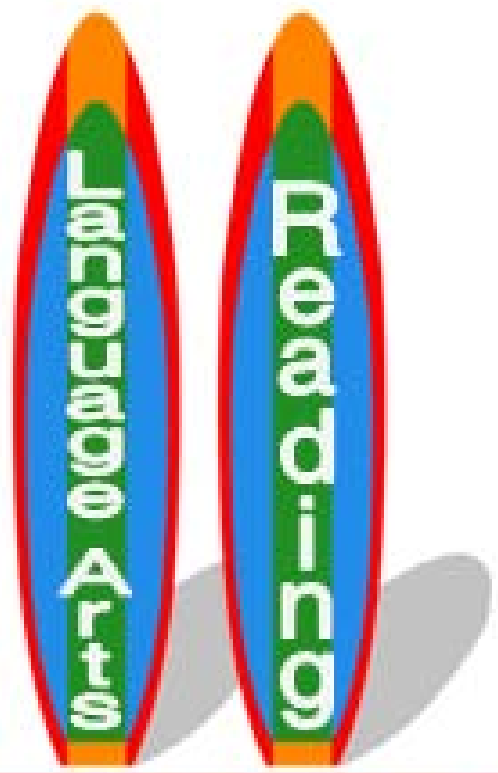




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Welcome to the Miami-Dade County Public School's Summer Activity packets. These activities are designed to help promote learning throughout the summer break. The activities are divided by grade levels and curriculum content – Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Reading/Language Arts. Educational web-links are also included with all packets. Please be sure to supervise your child while they are using the internet.

In addition to the packets, it is strongly recommended that you encourage you child to continue to read at least 30 minutes each day. Support for reading includes:

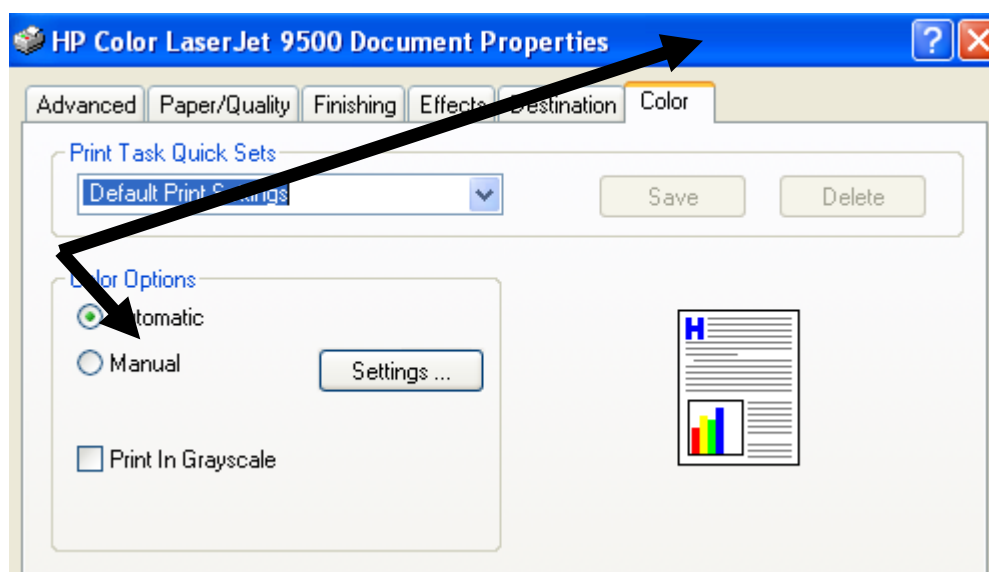
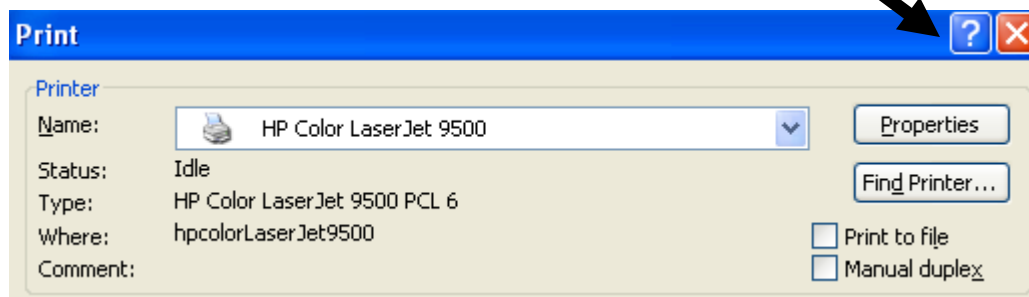
Barnes & Nobles' <http://bn.com/summerreading>

Miami-Dade Public Library's <http://www.mdpls.org>

In addition, *Ticket to Read* is available through the Student Portal:

<http://www.dadeschools.net/students/students.htm>

In an attempt to conserve paper and ink, if you wish to print these activities, they are combined using as little space as possible and no color except for the links on this page and this note. If you wish to avoid printing in color, please select "Print in grayscale" on your printer's properties/color tab located on the "Print" screen. See the figures below.



Kindergarten through Grade 2 Activities

Title of the Activity – Ice Cream Flavors

Brief description of the activity Have your child label a paper A-Z. They should list all the flavors of ice cream that they can think of and place them next to the correct letter of the alphabet. For every missing letter they should create their own flavor.

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Title of the Activity – Camping in the Backyard

Brief description of the activity Have your child plan a backyard camping trip with a friend. List all the things you will need to “survive.”

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Title of the Activity – What the Book means to Me

Brief description of the activity Have your child “read” a wordless picture book. Have them tell you the story and write it for them. Then have them illustrate some or all of the story.

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Title of the Activity – Where in the U.S.

Brief description of the activity Have your child look in the Sports section of the newspaper and write down every baseball team. Place the teams in alphabetical order. Locate each team on a map.

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Title of the Activity –Summer Vacation

Brief description of the activity Have your child create as many smaller words as possible that they can find in the words *summer vacation*.

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Title of the Activity – Runaway Animal

Brief description of the activity Have your child write and illustrate a story about an animal that has escaped from the zoo. Tell it to a friend or family member.

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Title of the Activity –Reading Everything Around You

Brief description of the activity Have your child read to you wherever you travel. They can read street signs, business logos, cereal boxes, food labels, newspapers, magazines, recipes and telephone books.

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Title of the Activity – Collage of Summer Reading

Brief description of the activity Have your child design a collage of self-illustrated pictures of all the books they read over the summer. Share a summary of each story with friends.

General level of appropriateness

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Title of the Activity – Books of Your Choice at Your Fingertips

Brief description of the activity Have your child complete a public library application. Submit the form together and get your child their very own library card. Use this card weekly to check out books of their choice. Learn all your card can do for you. They may check out books and movies. Have Fun!

General level of appropriateness

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Title of the Activity –Photo Journaling

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| Grade 3 through Grade 5 Activities |
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Title of the Activity – Trading Spaces

Brief description of the activity Have your child find a space in the house to create into their own reading corner. This will be a place where they can be cozy and get lost in the adventure of a book they select themselves to explore. They may decorate with some of their own artwork and pillows. Have them make a chart to keep track of all the books they read over the summer.

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Title of the Activity – Postcards from the People

Brief description of the activity Have your child write a letter to their favorite author. You and your child can visit the public library and check out their favorite book to read at home together. A librarian can help you find a postal or e-mail address of the author.

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Title of the Activity – Letter Search

Brief description of the activity Have your child cut out words from either a newspaper or magazine. Paste them on paper and create a letter to a friend.

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Title of the Activity – Shell Collection

Brief description of the activity Have your child collect shells at the beach or rocks along a trail. Use a nature guide to identify them. Create a book including their names, descriptions and illustrations. Take turns trading these books with friends.

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Title of the Activity – Classified Ads

Brief description of the activity Have your child look at the newspaper classified section. Have them read aloud the types of ads, descriptions and details of the sale. Design your own classified ad for any object that you would consider selling.

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Title of the Activity – Round-robin Storytelling

Brief description of the activity Have your child write and illustrate the beginning of a made up fairy tale. Pass their story on to another child and have them add a middle to it. Pass it on to a third child and have them create the ending. Get all three children together to re-enact the story and share aloud.

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Brief description of the activity Have your child design a T-shirt of self-illustrated pictures of all the books they read over the summer. Share a summary of each story with friends. Have them create the T-shirt using fabric markers or fabric crayons.

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Title of the Activity – Board Games

Brief description of the activity Have your child make their own game board. Include game pieces, cards, and a spinner or dice. Write the directions so that people can play the game with you.

General level of appropriateness

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Title of the Activity – Laughter is the Best Medicine

Brief description of the activity Have your child make their own joke book. Have an evening get together with friends and family. Have your child share their jokes aloud in an open microphone forum.

General level of appropriateness

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Title of the Activity – Constellations

Brief description of the activity Have your child research constellations. On a clear evening lie out on the grass and have them share with you which constellations they see. Create a book describing your shared experience.

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Title of the Activity – Loved the Book... Not Sure About the Movie

Brief description of the activity Have your child research recent movie releases that are based on popular children’s and young adult books. Choose at least one and read the book. Next, check out or go see the movie. Compare and contrast the book and movie

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Title of the Activity – Medals of the 2010 World Soccer Cup

Brief description of the activity Have your child watch the 2010 World Soccer Cup on television and track in the newspaper how the different countries score in each event. Have them create a bar graph for each country monitoring their goals. Discuss their findings each day. You may wish to use the website below to help find more information.

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/teams/team=43921/index.html>

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Title of the Activity – Summer Reading Olympics

Brief description of the activity Have your child make a contract to read a specific number of books during the summer. Have them keep a list of the books they read and write or draw a summary of their favorite part. Then use the guide below to help them decide if they have a gold, silver, or bronze medal for reading during the summer:

Gold = 18 books Silver = 12 books Bronze = 10 Book

Have your child design and wear their Olympic Reading medal.

General level of appropriateness

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