

The Governor's 2012 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our 2012 Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is *Dream Big, READ!* Reading is essential to school and life success. It's never too early or too late to help your child develop language and literacy skills. The five best ways to get children ready to read are talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they enter school. Children who enter kindergarten ready to read have greater success throughout their school years.

You will have fun as a family reading and learning with the activities in this calendar. Help your children choose books they will enjoy reading. Search out new and interesting books that will spark your child's imagination. Books and learning open the entire world to our children.

It doesn't matter if reading materials are new or used, owned or borrowed. What is important is that they are in your home and part of your everyday life. Read together and you will create family memories which will last a lifetime.

Remember this summer to *Dream Big, READ!*

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

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First Lady



READ WITH A CHILD

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