

# Wings

A Weekly Newsletter for Families

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*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.”*

– Frank Serafini

## INFANT Inspiration

### *Summer Story*

by Dee Smith

This is a perfect book to share during the summer season. In this fun story, animal friends are getting together to celebrate Summer, warm weather, and fun in the sun. *Summer Story* is a great read for infants with a fun rhyming style that is perfect for reading aloud.

## TODDLER Tales

### *Summer Days and Nights*

by Wong Herbert Lee

On a hot summer day, a little girl finds ways to entertain herself and stay cool. She catches a butterfly, sips lemonade, jumps in a pool, and goes on a picnic. At night, she sees an owl in a tree, a frog in a pond, and hears leaves rustling. Before long, she's fast asleep, dreaming about more summer days and summer nights.

## PRESCHOOL Power

### *The Night Before Summer Vacation*

by Natahsa Wing

A little girl and her family are getting ready to go on vacation. In the effort to pack everything that will be needed, there's bound to be something overlooked, and what that is provides a funny ending to this funny book perfect for curious preschoolers.



## Summer Reading Loss

As parents, **one of your major roles is to make sure that you set aside time everyday for an age appropriate reading activity.** Children need to engage with books every day so they can maintain and ideally strengthen all the literacy skills they are learning. If you have a school-age child the stakes for those who do not read over summer vacation are high. Substantial research on this topic shows it is usually the students who can least afford to lose ground as readers who are most likely to suffer from summer reading loss. These students fall far behind their peers. The few months of loss in reading skills compounds over the years; by the time children reach middle school, those who have not read during the summers may have lost as much as two years worth of achievement. So make reading a part of daily routines and read to and with your children of all ages!

