

## Summer Reading: Back to School Activities Kinder – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



**Reading is an exciting personal adventure!**

It can take us to unknown worlds. A book can tug at our emotions, making us cry, laugh, scream or even shout. When we choose our own books and follow our interests, reading becomes a lifelong passion.

**Each person is touched by a book in a unique way.** The experiences you've had in your life, your feelings about different things and what you know about the world influence how you respond to the book you are reading. You can become a character; you can experience the book as if you were there.

Reading a good book can be very energizing. It's fun to use that energy to create something that symbolizes what we've read.

Different Ideas for Back to School Activities:

### **RETELLING THROUGH DRAWING:**

Great fun for young kids, especially non-writers. Retelling is to reinforce reading/listening comprehension.

- a) Student Name
- b) Title
- c) Drawings that describe the most important parts of the story.
- d) Retelling aloud (they will use the drawings to retell the story in their own words).

### **PUPPET CHARACTERS:**

Choose a character and make a puppet to retell a scene from your book using the puppet character you've made.

### **BOOKMARKS:**

To create a special bookmark for the book you are reading, it should include drawings, the book title, the characters or anything that represents the story.

### **CHARACTER MASK:**

To create a mask of a character in the book you are reading.

After making the masks, the students will guess who each character mask represents and they will act as if they were the character performing a scene.

### **ROLE PLAYING:**

Have the class act the story, they can use disguises.