



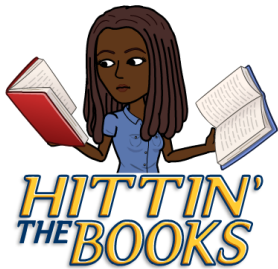
# Redmond Elementary

## Summer Reading Postcard Program



### Active Reading Strategies

- Re-read parts of the book
- Make predictions
- Ask questions
- Summarize your reading
- Make connections
- Retell the story to someone else
- Choose a part to read aloud to someone two times. Discuss how your reading improved the second time (ex. Did you know more words? Did you read more smoothly? Did you read with more expression?)



Dear Families,

To help promote summer literacy, we're excited to launch the first annual Redmond Elementary Summer Reading Postcard Program\*. To participate, students just need to read a book and fill out a postcard with your family afterwards. You can mail your postcard to school or save them and turn them in to your teacher this Fall. For each postcard submitted, the student will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair. One winner will be chosen from grades K-2, and one will be chosen from grades 3-5.

While your child reads, we recommend using active reading strategies and read along. On the bottom of each postcard, please comment on how your child has improved from one reading to the next. After completing the postcard mail it to school or save them to turn in during the first week of school. Postcards will be available in an envelope posted at the front of the school building or can be printed from the school website. They will be displayed during the month of September, and students who participate will be recognized with a certificate and have the chance to eat lunch with Mrs. Jones in the library. Participants will also receive a free popcorn pass from PTSA.

We'd like to reach our schoolwide goal of 150 students participating. If we meet our goal, Mrs. Jones will come to school dressed as her favorite book character.

Thank you in advance for supporting literacy learning year round.

Sincerely,

Heather Jones, Library Media Specialist  
Kirsten Gometz, Principal

# Imagine your story! Find yourself in a book!



\*The summer reading postcard program was originally designed by James Kim and Thomas White. They completed extensive research on ways to help prevent the summer reading slump. Kim and White found that students who received oral reading and comprehension scaffolding scored higher on standardized tests used to measure general reading ability. As part of their study, they recommended scaffolding voluntary summer reading and partnering with parents to help close the achievement gap in reading.