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**“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”**

Title of Activity: Summer Reading Program

Recommended to use with this number of students: 18

Content Area: ELA Grade Level(s): K-5

Match to Georgia Standard(s): ELAGSEKRF4; ELAGSE1RF4; ELAGSE2RF4; ELAGSE3RF4; ELAGSE4RF4; ELAGSE5RF4

**Note**: Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

Summer Reading Programs can be tedious and often do not appeal to the struggling readers we aim to reach.  In fact, Summer Reading Programs tend to cater to an audience who already loves to read regardless of our best efforts.  While these programs are well meaning, we are often left with the question of how to capture the hearts and minds of developing readers.

At Liberty Elementary School, we have discovered the magic! Gone are the lists of books to read and the challenge of reading a certain number of books throughout the summer.  In its place is a hands-on program that provides authentic reading and writing activities designed to follow the needs and interests of the students it serves.

During a 10- 12 day summer session, students go from below grade level in reading to on grade level and even above grade level in some cases! A daily dose of reading and writing workshop is the key to unlocking reading magic in this unique multi-age program. During these sessions, students participate in activities such as read alouds, guided reading, reading mini-lessons, reader’s theater, choral reading, independent reading, journal writing, reader’s response, writing conferences, guided writing, and author sharing… just to name a few!