Elementary Summer Reading 2023 Q & A

1. The grade listed is the grade they just finished or the grade they are starting in the fall? *Lists are curated for the grade level your child will be entering in the fall.*

2. Is there a limit to the number of books we can borrow at one time? *Students are limited to checking out 2 books at a time from the NSD Elementary Reading List. Just like the library, there are a limited number of copies of each of the titles on the list. The Sora Sweet Reads Collection may be used simultaneously. Students will not have wait time to check out this collection.*

3. Is the username the full Neshaminy email ? *Directions for Sora login can be found in the Elementary Summer Reading Canvas course.*

4. Will the parent receive an invitation along with the child? *Students will receive an invite to the Canvas course. If you are an observer on Canvas, you will be able to see the course.*

5. So a child going into 3rd grade should read 30 minutes a day? *We are recommending that students in grades 3 and 4 read for at least 30 minutes per activity.*

6. Can the books be accessed on personal devices or does it need to be on an NSD chromebook ? *Sora can be accessed from any device as long as your student has his/her login credentials.*

7. Do we submit the completed bingo to their teacher at the beginning of the school year? *Yes.*

8. What's the prize for the children who complete the bingo card? *For those students that complete the incentive/challenge, each school will host a summer reading celebration in September.*

9. Do the kids have to read books from Sora in order to complete the bingo? Or can it be their books? *Students may read any books they wish to read. They are not limited to the Sora collection.*

10. Can they do five in a row? *Please see reading challenge directions.*

11. Can the minutes include a parent reading to the child? *Students are encouraged to log minutes that they have read on their own. This will help prevent summer slide, which is the learning loss from not reading over the summer months. You can substitute a parent read aloud for an audiobook activity.*

12. How can we connect sora on another device? *You can download the Sora app on: iOS 10+, Android 5.0+, Chromebooks that have the Google Play store. If you can't download the app, you can use Sora in your web browser at soraapp.com.*

13. Where do we find the reading list? *You can find the reading list at the Elementary Summer Reading Canvas course or the Neshaminy Summer Reading webpage.*

14. Are we going to get login information for Sora and Canvas? *Students should already know how to login to Canvas. Sora directions are posted at the Elementary Summer*

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15. Do we have to print anything? *Your student will get one bingo board from school. You may print more from the Canvas course.*

16. How many books does my child need to read/? *To prevent summer slide, 8-10 for K-2, and 5-8 chapter books for grades 3-4. These numbers may slightly vary depending on the source. The idea is to keep learning active over the summer so students do not lose learning gained from the school year.*

17. Does a 4th grader have a chance to participate in summer reading? *Current 4th grade students entering into 5th grade will not be participating in the Canvas course and/or incentive. Since they are moving on to middle school, we are encouraging them to choose books from the middle school summer reading list. They may use the bingo board for fun, but middle school teachers will not be honoring it for a September celebration. 4th entering 5th grade students may still visit the Elementary Summer List Sora titles through the Neshaminy Summer Reading webpage or through the Sora app. Sora is available through Clever. At the NSD webpage, all summer reading lists will be posted. We will also email all families that participated in the kickoff night of the Elementary Summer Reading List when it becomes available.*

18. My son is going into 1st grade. Will he have access to Canvas all summer? *Yes.*