

# The Literacy Link



May/June 2008 Newsletter

## Fun Summer Read-Alouds

Grade K Miss Daisy Is Crazy by Dan Gutman

Grade 1 Ladybug Girl by David and Jacky Davis and The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

Grade 2 Some Day by Eileen Spinelli

Grade 3 Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Grade 4 Who Was Elvis Presley?

Grade 5 Where the Red Fern Grows, Maniac McGee, and The Perfect Goal

## South Prairie Literacy Team

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## 3-5 Literacy Corner



**Spotlight the Story Elements when reading!**

Setting- Where does the story take place?

Characters- Who is in the story?

Events- What important things happen?

Theme- What is the author's message?

Problem- What is the problem?

Solutions- How is the problem solved?

## K-2 Literacy Corner

Reading doesn't stop over the summer! Don't forget to take advantages of the reading opportunities available in our community!

The Sycamore Public Library is getting ready to Catch the Reading Bug! Below are some of the events they are offering this summer!

### June

June 2            First day for Summer Reading Challenge  
June 12          Larry Wirtz Magic at 11 am  
June 13          Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 11 am  
June 16          First Day to claim reading challenge prizes  
June 17          Bugs from Midwest Museum 1pm  
June 20          Dog Tricks Demonstration 2pm  
June 26          Wacky Juggler Andy Head 11am  
June 30          Last day to register for summer reading challenge

### July

July 9            Spoon Man 11am  
July 16          Storyteller Bruce Wallace 1pm  
July 17          Ventriloquist Sandi Sylver 1pm  
July 22          Mark Nichols Puppet Theater 11am  
July 29          Storyteller Phyllis Horst 2pm

## Tips from First Steps

- Always keep a selection of books in your bag.
- Let your child read to you and anyone who is willing to listen ex: grandparents, neighbors and even the dog!
- Encourage your child to join in when reading familiar stories.
- Buy your child games that provide simple instructions to read and follow. Play word games.
- Encourage your child to keep a diary or a journal when traveling.