

# FAMILY READING KIT



It's been a pleasure having your child in a Working in the Schools (WITS) program this year! Your child has been reading with a WITS mentor each week, and these books are to celebrate the time they've spent together. We hope these books will encourage your child to read every day over summer break.

Happy reading!

The WITS Team



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# MDM JOURNAL RECAP

Students: Show your family your MDM Journal and tell them what you learned at WITS.

## Elements of a Book

- Fiction = books with made up characters and events
- Nonfiction = books with real characters and events

## Main Idea and Theme

- Main Idea = what the book is mostly about
- Theme = message, lesson, or moral of story

## Summarizing

- Written in order and short description of main events or information in story
- What happened and why

## Characterization

- A character's personality not physical appearance or feelings
- Character can change throughout the book

## Making Connections

- Text to self = connecting story to own life
- Text to text = connecting characters, setting, events from one story to another
- Text to world = connecting story to world history, school, and/or community



## WIN A WITS BACKPACK!

TO ENTER:

1. Follow @witschicago on instagram.
2. Tag us in a photo with your Summer Reading Log and use the hashtag #witssummerreading.
3. The winner will be announced on our instagram account on September 1st.

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