

Summer Reading 2021



2021 Theme - Phoenix Rising

The Phoenix Rising is a literary theme that symbolizes **hope**, **renewal** and **progress**. Students can choose their own books that fall within this theme. When children choose their own books they have a higher rate of completion, enjoyment and probability of reading again for pleasure.

Below is a choice board for the students to choose and complete 3 items around their chosen book(s). Also included will be information about other book lists you may want to explore.

Summer Reading Record

Students are asked to record their summer reading on the “Summer Reading Record” which is included. A completed record, including a parent signature, should be returned to your child’s homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

Suggested Book Lists by Grade

These lists are not required books, but suggestions of titles students may be interested in reading. They are in grade level lists based on content of the book and the book level is included for informational purposes.

Rising Kindergarten

Counting on Community - Innosanto Nagara - Lexile 440

I'm a Duck - Eve Bunting

Y is for Yet: A Growth Mindset Alphabet - Jake Souva - Lexile 690

Little Tree - Loren Long - Lexile 520

The Fox and the Star - Coralie Bickford-Smith - Lexile

Big Egg - Molly Coxe - Lexile 220

Rising 1st Grade

If You Plant a Seed - Kadir Nelson - Lexile 340

Counting on Community - Innosanto Nagara - Lexile 440

The Most Magnificent Thing - Ashley Spires

Carmela Full of Wishes - Matt de la Pena - Lexile 630

Pig and Pug - Laura Marchesani - Lexile 200

Rising 2nd Grade

Last Stop Market Street - Matt de la Pena - Lexile 610

The Book of Mistakes - Corinna Luyken - Lexile 520

Carmela Full of Wishes - Matt de la Pena - Lexile 630

Wherever You Go - Pat Zietlow Miller - Lexile +/- 550

The Cow Who Climbed a Tree - Gemma Marino - Lexile +/- 450

The Water Princess - Lynn Plourde & Susan Gal - Lexile 480

Maybe Something Beautiful - F. Isabel Campoy & Teresa Howell - Lexile 580

Rising 3rd Grade

Because Amelia Smiled - David Ezra Stein - Lexile 820

The Storyteller's Candle - Lucia M. Gonzalez & Lulu DeLacre - Lexile 730

The Wild Robot - Peter Brown - Lexile 720

Finding Perfect - Elly Swartz - Lexile 550

When Friendship Followed Me Home - Paul Griffin - Lexile 590

When Stars are Scattered - Andrea Beach - Lexile 530

Rising 4th Grade

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah - Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls - Lexile 770

Separate is Never Equal - Duncan Tonatiuh - Lexile 870

Alone in the Woods - Rebecca Behrens - Lexile 810

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key - Jack Gantos - Lexile 890

When Stars are Scattered - Andrea Beach - Lexile 530

Finding Perfect - Elly Swartz - Lexile 550

Some Kind of Happiness - Claire Legrand - Lexile 580

Rising 5th Grade

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement - Carole Boston Weatherford - Lexile 820

Alone in the Woods - Rebecca Behrens - Lexile 810

Storm Blown - Nick Courage - Lexile 930

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key - Jack Gantos - Lexile 890

A Mango-Shaped Space - Wendy Mass - Lexile 770

Clean Getaway - Nic Stone - Lexile 780

Wonder - R.J. Palacio - Lexile 790

When Stars are Scattered - Andrea Beach - Lexile 530

Rising Year 1

Storm Blown - Nick Courage - Lexile 930

Wonder - R.J. Palacio - Lexile 790

Clean Getaway - Nic Stone - Lexile 780

The Secret Kingdom - Barb Rosenstock - Lexile 1100

The Science of Breakable Things - Tae Keller - Lexile 840

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander - Lexile 750

Rising Year 2

The Truths We Hold: An American Journey (Young Readers Edition) - Kamala Harris

Refugee - Alan Gratz - Lexile 800

Children of Blood and Bone - Toni Adeyemi - Lexile 670

Piecing Me Together - Renee Watson - Lexile 680

American Born Chinese - Gene Yuan Lang

Swing - Kwame Alexander

Rising Year 3

Hope is Our Only Wing - Rutendo Tavengerwei

Yes She Can - Molly Dillion - Lexile 1090

A Phoenix Must First Burn - Patrice Caldwell

Turtles All the Way Down - John Green - Lexile 840

Curated Book Lists

John Newberry Book Award - <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=10>

Pura Belpre Children's Author Awards -
<https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=5>

Caldecott Award - <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=6>

Sibert Informational Book Award - <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=3>

Notable Children's Books by ALCS - <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=14>

Georgia Children's Book Awards

K-4 - <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/directory/results?booklist=14>

4-8 -
<http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/gcba-awards/past-award-winners-and-nominees/past-book-award-winners-grades-4-8/>

Required Reading Choice Board

You must complete 3 activities from the choice board below. Please be sure to complete each activity on a separate sheet of paper.

<u>Alternate Ending:</u>	<u>Author Interview:</u>	<u>Theme:</u>
Write an Alternative ending to the book.	If you could ask the author 5 questions, what would they be?	What is the theme of the story?
<u>ELA:</u>	<u>Illustrator:</u>	<u>Text to Word Connection:</u>
Find 10 examples of figurative language in the book	Draw your favorite part of the story.	How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?
<u>Vocabulary:</u>	<u>IB:</u>	<u>Character Interview:</u>
Find 10 new vocabulary words and write their definitions.	What IB trait best describes each character in the story & why.	Choose a character from the novel. Create 3 questions you would ask him/her in an interview.

Summer Reading Log-pg.1

Date	Name of Book	Author	Time Spent Reading

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Summer Reading Log-Pg.2

Date	Name of Book	Author	Time Spent Reading

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

