
MCA LOWER SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2021

In order to foster a love of reading in our students, the lower school team has shared a list of recommended summer reading books below. This is only a suggested list. Please allow your student to choose books suited to his/her individual reading level and interests. A great resource to check the reading level of books is the Accelerated Reader Bookfinder website – www.arbookfind.com. We encourage parents to spend a little time looking at the reading selections and help your child make wise decisions. Students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes daily so they continue to strengthen their skills. We look forward to hearing about the books they read when we see them next year!

KINDERGARTEN

Rising Kindergarteners: This is only a suggested list. Please select books that you can enjoy reading with your child this summer.

Color and Counting Books:

- Ten Little Fish* - Wood
- Planting a Rainbow* - Ehler
- Inch By Inch* – Lionni
- Each Orange Had Eight Slices* - Giganti
- Rooster Off to See the World* – Carle

Alphabet Books:

- Long Trip to Z* - Testa
- Toot and Puddle: Puddle's ABC* - Hobbie
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* - Martin
- Curious George Learns the Alphabet* - Rey
- Clifford's ABC* – Bridwell

Rhyming Books:

- Green Eggs and Ham* - Dr. Seuss
- Horton Hears a Who!* - Dr. Seuss
- Sheep in a Jeep* - Shaw
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* – Yolen

Just for Fun:

- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* - Numeroff
- The Little Engine That Could* - Piper
- The Relatives Came* - Rylant
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt* - Rosen
- The Napping House* – Wood
- Swimmy* – Lionni

FIRST GRADE

Rising 1st graders: This is only a suggested list. Please select books that you can enjoy reading with your child this summer as well as book they can read independently.

- Berenstain Bears* (any book from series) - Berenstain, J. & S.
- Franklin* (any book from series) - Bourgeois, P.
- Clifford* (any book from series) - Bridwell, N.
- Goodnight Moon* - Brown
- Biscuit* (any book from series) - Capucilli
- Any Title - Carle, E.
- Corduroy* series - Freeman, D.
- Danny and the Dinosaur* - Hoff
- Good-Night Owl* – Hutchins
- George and Martha* - Marshall
- Little Bear* (any book from series) - Minarik
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (any book from series) - Numeroff, L.J.
- Henry and Mudge* series – Rylant
- Caps for Sale* – Slobodkina
- Pete the Cat* (any book from series) - Dean, James
- Frog and Toad* series - Lobel, A.

SECOND GRADE

Rising 2nd Graders: This is only a suggested list. Please have your child read books daily that they enjoy.

- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale* - Aardema, V.
- Cam Jansen* series - Adler
- Madeline* (any book from series) - Bemelmans, L.
- Franklin* (any book from series) - Bourgeois, P.
- Arthur* series - Brown, M.
- Sports books for kids* – Christopher, Matt
- Grandma's Attic* series – Richardson, Arleta
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle* - Cleary
- Mercy Watson* series - DiCamillo
- Frog and Toad* series (any book from series) - Lobel
- Sugar Creek Gang* Series – Hutchins, Paul
- The Boxcar Children* series – Warner, Gertrude C.
- Little House in the Big Woods* series - Wilder
- National Geographic for Kids
- Rookie Readers - Science or Biographies series

THIRD GRADE

Rising 3rd Graders: This is only a suggested list. Please have your child read books they enjoy. We will be doing a fun project with a book they read upon returning to school.

- Cam Jansen* - Adler, David
 - Ramona Series* - Cleary, Beverly
 - The Mouse and the Motorcycle Series* - Cleary, Beverly
 - Geronimo Stilton* - Geronimo Stilton
 - Nancy Drew Series* - Keene, Carolyn
 - Horrible Harry* - Kline, Suzie
 - Magic Tree House* (Fiction and Nonfiction) - Osborne, Mary Pope
 - A-Z Mysteries* - Roy, Ron
 - Encyclopedia Brown* - Sobel, David
 - Sugar Creek Gang Series* – Hutchins, Paul
 - I Survived Series* – Tarshis, Lauren
 - The Boxcar Children* - Warner, Gertrude
 - Little House* - Wilder, Laura Ingalls
 - Who Was/Who Is...? Series* – Parental Discretion
 - Charlotte's Web* – White, E. B.
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FOURTH GRADE

Rising 4th Graders are to choose at least one book from the following series. We will be doing a fun project with a book they read upon returning to school.

- Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington* - Asim, Jabari
 - Flora & Ulysses* - DiCamillo, Kate
 - Louisiana's Way Home* - DiCamillo, Kate
 - Raymie Nightingale* - DiCamillo, Kate
 - The Tale of Despereaux* - DiCamillo, Kate
 - Sugar Creek Gang Series* - Hutchens, Paul
 - The Chronicles of Narnia* - Lewis, C.S.
 - The Camping Trip that Changed America* - Rosenstock, Barb
 - The Green Ember Series* - Smith, S.D.
 - Who Was/Who Is...? Series* book from the list below:
 - Albert Einstein
 - Amelia Earhart
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
 - Franklin Roosevelt
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Thomas Alva Edison
 - George Washington Carver
 - Cooper Kids Adventure series* – Peretti, Frank E.
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FIFTH GRADE

Rising 5th Graders are to choose at least one book from the following series. We will be doing a fun project with a book they read upon returning to school.

- The Indian in the Cupboard Series* - Banks, L. R.
- Peter and the Star Catchers* - Berry, Dave
- The World According to Humphrey* - Birney, Betty G.
- Hardy Boys* - Dixon, Franklin W.
- My Side of the Mountain Series* - George, Jean Craighead
- Julie of the Wolves Trilogy* - George, Jean Craighead
- Among the Hidden Series* - Haddix, M.P.
- Nancy Drew* - Keene, Carolyn
- On the Run Series* - Korman, Gordon
- Cooper Kids Adventure series* – Peretti, Frank E.
- Swindle Series* - Korman, Gordon
- The Chronicles of Narnia* - Lewis, C.S.
- The Mandie Collection* – Leppard, L. G.
- Anne of Green Gable Series* - Montgomery, L.M.
- Kingdom Keepers Series* - Pearson, Ridley
- The Wilderking Trilogy* - Rogers, Jonathan
- I Survived Series* - Tarshis, Lauren
- George Washington's Socks Series* - Woodruff, Elvira
- Dear American Series* - Various Authors
- The 39 Clues* - Various Authors