



Harbor Country Day School
Embracing the extraordinary in every child.

Summer Reading



(Grades 1 through 4)

Dear Parents,

This year grades one through four will be given an optional summer reading packet that includes a log as well as activities meant to encourage reading throughout the summer. These packets will be sent home during the last week of school and also posted on the website under “Backpack.” Students may choose from the suggested books listed by grade level, but may also pick a book not on the list that interests them. Children can share their completed packets and logs with their teacher at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Happy reading!

The Lower School Teachers

Students Entering Grade One

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible. Please feel free to select and read any book that is appropriate for your child.

Teacher recommended Books/Authors:

Best Friends, Marcia Leonard
A New Home, Tim Bowers
The Chick and the Duckling, Mirra Ginsburg
I Went Walking, Sue Williams
It Looks Like Spilt Milk, Charles Green Shaw
Hot Dog, Molly Coxe
Blue Bug Goes to School, Virginia Poulet
Puppy Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
I like Bugs, Margaret Wise Brown
Catch me if you can, Bernard Most
The Lady with the Alligator Purse, Nadine Bernard Westcott
Lost!, by Patti Trimble
Rosie's Walk, Pat Hutchins
The Carrot Seed, Ruth Krauss
Alligator Shoes, Arthur Dorros
Sheep in a Jeep, Nancy Shaw
Six Silly Foxes, Alex Moran
Captain Cat, Syd Hoff
The Watermelon Seed, Greg Pizzoli
Mr. Putter and Tabby series, Cynthia Rylant
Frog and Toad Arnold Lobel
Biscuit series, Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Noodle series, Hans Wilhelm
Henry and Mudge series, Cynthia Rylant
Mittens series, Lola M. Schaefer
Poppleton series, Cynthia Rylant

Suggested Authors

Mo Willems
Leo Lionni
Doreen Cronin
Laura Numeroff
Arnold Lobel (Frog & Toad Series)
Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Biscuit Series)
Jane Yolen
Bill Martin Jr.
Cynthia Rylant

Students Entering Grade Two

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible. Please feel free to select and read any book that is appropriate for your child.

Teacher Recommended Books/Authors:

Henry's Freedom Box, Ellen Levine
Before She Was Harriet, Lesa Cline-Ransome
A Boy Called Bat, Elana K. Arnold
She Persisted Around the World, Chelsea Clinton
One Plastic Bag, Miranda Paul
Flowers for Sarajevo, John McCutcheon
Whoosh!- Lonnie Johnson's Super Soaking Stream of Inventions, Chris Barton
Diary of a Worm, Doreen Cronin
Fancy Nancy, Jane O'Connor
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, William Steig
Minnie and Moo, Denys Cazet
Poppleton, Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby, Cynthia Rylant
Pippi Longstockings, Astrid Lindgren
Narwhall, Unicorn of the Sea, Ben Clanton
Ivy and Bean, Annie Barrows
Streganona, Tomie DePola

Series Books:

Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parrish
The Bailey House School Kids, Pearl Lowe
Young Cam Jansen, David A. Adler and Susanna Natti
Nate the Great, Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Junie B. Jones, Barbara Park
Cam Jansen, David A. Adler
Judy Moody, Megan McDonald
Magic Tree House, Mary Pope Osborne
Magic Puppy, Sue Bentley
Ramona, Beverly Cleary
Zombie Goldfish, Mo O'Hara

Students Entering Third and Fourth Grade

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible. Please feel free to select and read any book that is appropriate for your child.

Fiction Chapter Books

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
The Land of Stories, Chris Colfer
Harriet the Spy, Louise Fitzhugh
Katie Kazoo, Nancy E. Krulik
Switcheroo, Nancy E. Krulik
Freckle Juice, Judy Blume
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume
The Chocolate Touch, Patrick Catling
Muggie Maggie, Beverly Cleary
Misty of Chincoteague, Marguerite Henry
Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade, Suzy Kline
How to Eat Fried Worms, Thomas Rockwell
Cricket in Times Square, George Selden
Hank Zipzer, Henry Winkler
Ivy and Bean, Annie Barrows
Zak Files, Dan Greenburg
Hugo, by Brian Selznick
Wonderstruck, by Brian Selznick
The Laundry News, by Andrew Clements
Soccer Halfback, by Matt Christopher
Comeback Kids, by Mike Lupica

Series Chapter Books

Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland
Smile Series by Rania Telgemeier
The Nevergirls Series (Finding Tinkerbelle)
Ryan Hart (Ways to Make Sunshine) By Renee Watson
Click by Kayla Miller
Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows
Amulet, by Kazu Kibuishi
Bone, by Jeff Smith
The Boxcar Children, by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Nancy Drew, by Carolyn Keene
Dear America/My America, by various authors
Magic Tree House, by Mary Pope Osborne

Geronimo Stilton, by Geronimo Stilton
Time Warp Trio, by Jon Scieszka
Percy Jackson, by Rick Riordan
Little House on the Prairie, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Great Illustrated Classics, by various authors
Homework Machine, by Dan Gutman

Non Fiction Series Books

Basher Books, by various authors
Who Was? biographies, by various authors
What Was? books, by various authors