



***LOWER SCHOOL
SUMMER READING***





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PK AND K





Create the habit of bedtime reading. This will be essential to your child's success and ensuring a lifelong love of reading. There are many wonderful books that you can read to or with your child. You are not limited to the suggestions and there is no written work; simply enjoy this special time together.





Favorite Authors

Jez Alborough

Stan and Jan Berenstain

Sandra Boynton

Alyssa Satin Capucilli (*Biscuit*)

Eric Carle

Donald Crews

James Dean (*Pete the Cat*)

Anna Dewdney

Lois Ehlert

Denise Fleming

Mem Fox

Kevin Henkes

Bill Martin Jr.

David McPhail

Todd Parr

Amy Krause Rosenthal

Dr. Seuss

Jan Thomas

Rosemary Wells

Mo Willems

Karma Wilson

Don and Audrey Wood



Concept Books

ABC Books

Counting Books

Color Books

Friendship Books

Shape Books

National Geographic for Kids



Nursery Rhymes

Fairy Tales



FIRST GRADE





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Choose at least five books to read and record each one on your reading log.
Bring your completed reading log to school August 11th.



[Link to the First Grade Reading Log](#)



Favorite Authors

Tedd Arnold

Jan Brett

Eric Carle

Tomie dePaola

Lois Ehlert

Denise Fleming

Mem Fox

Kevin Henkes

Helen Lester

Leo Lionni

Grace Lin

Robert Munsch

Laura Numeroff

Todd Parr

Dav Pilkey

Peter Reynolds

Amy Krause Rosenthal

David Shannon

Dr. Seuss

Jan Thomas

Rosemary Wells

Mo Willems

Karma Wilson

Don and Audrey Wood





Favorite Series

Pete the Cat

by Kimberly and James Dean

Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems

Pigeon by Mo Willems

Max and Ruby by Rosemary Wells

Little Bear by Maurice Sendak

Curious George by J. J. Reyes

Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor

Franklin by Brenda Clarke

Froggy by Jonathan London

Arthur by Marc Brown

Little Critter by Mercer Meyer

Todd's World by Todd Parr

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Dragon by Dav Pilkey

Curious George by H. A. Rey

Llama, Llama by Anna Dewdney

Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton

Charlie and Lola by Lauren Child

Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt





Quality Non-Fiction

Look for non-fiction books on topics in which your child wants to learn more. These books should include high quality photographs and text that is not too challenging for your child to read. We highly recommend *National Geographic Kids*.



SECOND GRADE





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[Link to the Second Grade Reading Log](#)



Favorite Authors

David Adler

Derek Anderson

Tedd Arnold

Nic Bishop

Jan Brett

Eve Bunting

Dori Butler

Lauren Child

Asia Citro

Troy Cummings

Tomie dePaola

Saadia Faruqi

Gail Gibbons

James Howe

Steven Kellogg

Lenore Look

Mercer Mayer

Zanib Mian

Dav Pilkey

Peter Reynolds

William Steig

Sally Warner

Tracy West



Favorite Series

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

The Littles by John Peterson

Arthur by Marc Brown

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Fluffy by Kate McMullan

Minnie and Moo by Denys Cazet

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol

The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

Ivy & Bean by Annie Burrows

Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler

Clifford by Norman Bridwell

Franklin by Paulette Bourgeois

Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Cam Jansen by David Adler

Galaxy Jack by Ray O'Ryan

Yasmin by Sharon Draper

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

Jada Jones by Kelly Starling Lyons

Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner

Animal Planet Adventures

by Catherine Nichols & Gail Herman

Stella Diaz by Angela Dominguez

King and Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler

Sadiq by Siman Nurali





Challenging Chapter Book Series

Boxcar Children by Gertrude

Chandler Warner

Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Junebug Books by Alice Mead

Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger

Time Warp by Jon Scieszka

Jake Drake by Andrew Clements

Jigsaw Jones by James Preller

Ramona by Beverly Cleary

My Weird School by Dan Gutman

Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo

Humphrey's Tiny Tales

by Betty G. Birney



Who Would Win? by Jerry Pallotta

J.D. by J. Dillard





THIRD GRADE





The love of learning is one of the best habits parents can help their child establish. Thank you for encouraging your child to develop this lifelong habit. Research states that a summer without books can result in a decreased reading level. We recommend that incoming third graders read **at least 20 minutes each day**. Frequent reading builds stronger comprehension and vocabulary skills.

One goal of the third grade curriculum is to help students build stamina in reading. When children are given choice in selecting books, they tend to read longer books over longer periods of time. The following list includes suggested titles for many interests at varied levels.

Before beginning their reading, students should print the book report form, bookmark, and reading log so they are readily available for notes.

The book report form, each bookmark, and the reading log are written assignments that will be due the first week of school.



Entering third graders are to read **THREE** books: **One choice, one biography, and one book of poetry.**



Biography



Students should select one biography to read. The names provided are suggestions only. Students may choose to read a biography about any historical figure, inventor, inspiring role model, or leader.

Examples:

Helen Keller

Benjamin Franklin

Rosa Parks

Thomas Edison

Frederick Douglass

Elizabeth Blackwell

Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein
by Don Brown

Complete the book report form for one grade-level appropriate biography you read. Complete each line with the information requested.

[Link to the Biography Book Report form](#)



Poetry

Where the Sidewalk Ends

by Shel Silverstein

A Pizza the Size of the Sun

by Jack Prelutsky

If I Were in Charge of the World

by Judith Viorst

*Dinosaur Dinner with a Slice of
Alligator Pie* by Dennis Lee

*Sing a Song of Popcorn, Every
Child's Book of Poems*

by M. White & more

A Bad Case of the Giggles

by Bruce Lansky

Select your favorite poem and bring a copy to class. In August, you will share this with your classmates. Complete the attached bookmark.

[Link to the Poetry Bookmark](#)

Choice Book

Roscoe Riley Rules (series)

by Katherine Applegate

Ivy and Bean (series) by Annie Barrows

Ava Tree and the Wishes Three

by Jeanne Betancourt

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

by Beverly Cleary

Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo

Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo

Magic Tree House (series)

by Mary Pope Osborne

Clementine (series) by Sara Pennypacker

Nikki and Deja and the Newsy Newsletter (series) by Karen English

Just Grace (series)

by Charise Mericle Harper

Martin Bridge (series)

by Jessica Scott Kerrin

Enter the books that you read this summer to your Summer Reading Record. Be prepared to tell your classmates about the books you read this summer.

[Link to the Summer Reading Record](#)



Choice Book (Continued)



Alvin Ho (series) by Lenore Look

Ruby Lu (series) by Lenore Look

Gooney Bird is So Absurd (series)

by Lois Lowry

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (series)

by Megan McDonald

Judy Moody (series) by Megan McDonald

Heidi or Henry Heckelbeck (series)

by Wanda Coven

EllRay Jakes (series) by Sally Warner

Dragons in a Bag (series) by Zetta Elliott

Ready, Freddy! (series) by Abby Klein

Planet Omar (series) by Zanib Mian

My Weird School (series) by Dan Gutman

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FOURTH GRADE








Entering fourth graders are to read **TWO** books:

- *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden
- One non-fiction **or** one mystery from the titles provided.

Before beginning a book, print and fold the bookmarks so they are readily available while reading. The bookmarks include prompts to support the development of comprehension strategies. We encourage our students to make connections, visualize, reflect, make inferences, wonder, summarize, and synthesize.

Each bookmark is a written assignment and due during the first week of school. Each will count as a reading grade.





Have a picture taken of you reading your favorite book in your favorite spot. Bring this to school on August 11th.

During the first two weeks of school, each student will present an oral book review to his/her class. This review should include the title, author, a brief summary, and a statement with supporting details and opinions why others should or should not read this book.



The Cricket in Times Square

Click the link below to view and print bookmark. You may print and make notes on more than one bookmark. When school begins in August, you will receive an in-class assignment based on this book.

[Link to The Cricket in Times Square Bookmark](#)

Non-Fiction

Suggested series include:

Eyewitness Books

Eyewitness Science Books

Dorling Kindersley Readers

Nature's Children

Discovery Channel School Science Books

Time for Kids Science Scoops

Capstone Press offers the following:

Extreme Sports

Learning about Horses

Learning about Dogs

Learning about Cats

Animals and the Environment

Sharks

Motorcycles

Click the link below to view and print bookmark. You may print and make notes on more than one bookmark. When school begins in August, you will receive an in-class assignment based on this book.

[Link to the Non-Fiction Bookmark](#)



Mystery

Candymakers by Wendy Mass

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Name of This Book is a Secret

by Pseudonymous Bosch

Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart

Harriett the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Escape from Mr. Limoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein

Shakespeare's Secret

by Elise Broach

The Mystery at the Eiffel Tower

by Carole Marsh

Click below to view and print bookmark. You may print and make notes on more than one bookmark.

[Link to the Summary Bookmark](#)



Mystery (Continued)



Any book from the following series:

Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon

Treasure Hunters series

by James Patterson

Cabin Creek Mysteries

by Kristiana Gregory

Vanished by James Ponti

Keepers of the School

by Andrew Clements

Brixton Brothers by Mac Barnett

The Great Shelby Holmes

by Elizabeth Eulberg



Bunnicula by James Howe

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[Link to the Summary Bookmark](#)





FIFTH GRADE



Entering fifth graders are to read **TWO** books, one biography and one fiction that may be from a series listed on the next page.

Before beginning a book, print the **Tree Map for the biography** and the **form for the fiction novel** so they are readily available for notes. These are considered written assignments and are due during the first week of school. **They will count as reading grades.**





Biography

Choose a person who interests you.

Complete this Tree Map which is **due the first week of school**. Your notes should include meaningful information and be concise. A Tree Map is a way to list facts and details by categories. Do NOT use complete sentences but clearly state the information you learned about this person. You will be able to use your Tree Map as a resource while completing your in-school assignment.

[Link to the Biography Tree Map](#)



Fiction

Mystery: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

Realistic Fiction: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

Historical Fiction: *George Washington's Socks: A Time Travel Adventure*

by Elvira Woodruff

Fantasy: *The Magical Reality of Nadia* by Basseem Youssef

Science Fiction: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Read one of the fiction books above. Record the information about your novel on the attached form. You will use these notes to complete an in-school project.

[Link to the Summer Reading Fiction Form](#)



SIXTH GRADE





Entering sixth graders will read two books which have been carefully chosen by your sixth grade teachers.

Book #1 is *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. This is our Sixth Grade "community book," and it will be the foundation for class discussions and activities to start the school year.

Book #2 will be chosen by you from the list of books recommended by your sixth grade teachers. Please see the list on the next slide.

This is the [form](#) for your work. **Your assignments will be due by Friday, August 12, 2022, and will count toward reading grades.**



Be sure to impress your sixth grade teachers by using your best writing skills and following the assignment directions carefully! Directions are in the form. Please write your responses on lined paper, or create a copy to type in the document, and print.

Suggested Books for Choice Assignment

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

American as Paneer Pie by Supriya Kelkar

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Bird Face by Cynthia T. Toney

Bystander by James Preller

Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Ida B... and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid

Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World

by Katherine Hannigan

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Out of my Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

Stand Up, Yumi Chung by Jessica Kim

The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman

The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Track (series) by Jason Reynolds

Twerp by Mark Goldbatt

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Wonder by R.J. Palacio