



# Harbor Country Day School

*Embracing the extraordinary in every child.*

## Summer Learning Packets



**(For students entering grades 1 through 4)**

Dear Parents,

Summer is here and it's time to have fun, but it is also important that children continue to review reading, writing, and math skills to prevent a summer slide. Students entering grades one through four will be provided an optional summer packet that includes reading, writing, and math activities meant to encourage learning throughout the summer. These packets are 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 with their teacher at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Happy learning!

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  
*Narwhal, 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