

THE KING'S ACADEMY

Where Christ is King

Parents of 4th-5th Grade Students,

Reading is an integral part of each day. At TKA we want to encourage the love of learning through literacy by teaching our students how to be active, engaged readers. *Daily* reading is important and should include being read to. Reading aloud to your child at every age exposes your child to higher-level literature and increases vocabulary. Reading to oneself further supports independent reading stamina. Reading together each day will help your child better prepare for a new school year.

To help partner and guide parents, we are including the following optional reading ideas in addition to the required reading assignment. These suggestions will help provide an advantage for your child during these foundational years as they develop a love for reading and are exposed to different genres and how to read them for understanding.

Daily: “Read Aloud” or audiobook

- Read aloud to your child or listen to an audiobook together using a book from the reading list or a chapter book to read over several days. Make sure they are following along as you read.
- Choose a question(s) from the question list, depending on genre, and discuss together. Pause throughout the book and have conversations pertaining to the book.

Daily: “Read to Self”

- Your child should be reading independently for 20-30 minutes per day. Build stamina over the summer so they are ready for sustained, independent reading for a minimum of 30 minutes. Alternate between silent reading and reading aloud to someone or whisper reading to self.
- Your child may choose a question from the list or a parent may choose the question to ask, depending on the genre of the text.

Questions to ask about fiction books:

- Retell this story in your own words. What were the most important events? Tell them in order.
- What is the setting of this story (when and where did it happen) and how was that important to the story?
- Who were the most important characters in the story? Describe what they looked like (physical traits) and how they acted, felt, or thought (character traits).
- Why did the author write this story? Were they trying to just entertain you or was there a message?
- Did this story remind you of anything that has ever happened to you? If so, what was it?
- Did this story remind you of another book you have read? How was it similar and different from that book?
- What is the major theme or message in the story?
- What can you learn from this theme or message?
- Predicting: What do you think will happen next?
- Inference: Based on information in the text, what can you infer about certain characters or events?

Nonfiction Questions:

- What was this book mostly about (main idea)? Tell 3 important facts that you learned from this book.
- Why did the author write this book? What did he or she need to know about before they could write the book?
- How did the subtitles, photographs, illustrations, captions, maps, text boxes, and bold words (text features) help you learn more?
- What is the major theme or message in the story?
- What can you learn from this theme or message?
- Predicting: What do you think will happen next?
- Inference: Based on information in the text, what can you infer about certain characters or events?

Questions for Poetry:

- Were there any new words that you did not know in the poem? Discuss the new words with a parent.
- Did the poem tell a story or send a message?
- Why did the poet write that poem?
- Did the poem have rhyming words? If so, find the rhyming words.
- Did you enjoy this poem? Why or why not?
- Make up motions to go with this poem.
- Draw your own illustration to go with this poem.



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Summer Reading Information 2024-2025

Students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are required to complete a summer reading assignment.

- Each grade level has **one required book that all students are required to read.**
- Students in Kindergarten-5th grade will **complete an in-class assignment on the required reading book.** A daily grade is taken on the in-school assignment.
- A **book form/log is due by the second day of school** (Friday, August 16, 2024) for each grade. All forms are accessible at www.tka.net.

Additional book *suggestions* are available for each grade; however, students are not limited to the suggested grade level list. Choose fiction or nonfiction books that reflect your child's interests and ability.

Please note the following:

- If you read the required book early in the summer, please review it carefully before returning to school in August.
- A book log listing all books read over the summer should be turned in no later than the second day of school (Friday, August 16, 2024). Forms are available at www.tka.net *
- www.arbookfind.com can help determine book reading levels
- All parents should check for age-appropriate content by using:
 - Plugged In www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews
 - Common Sense Media <https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews>
- Check with your local library branch or bookstore for book ideas and reading incentive programs.
- Any student who registers after July 15th is exempt from the summer reading requirement.

For full information and forms for each grade level, go to www.tka.net

ENTERING FOURTH GRADE SUGGESTED BOOK LIST

***Required book- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Optional Suggested Reading:

Title	Author
S.O.R. Losers	Avi
Crispin	Avi
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman
Back in Time with Benjamin Franklin	Dan Gutman
Dexter the Tough	Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Willoughbys	Lois Lowry
Dogs Don't Tell Jokes	Louis Sachar
Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor	Harry Mazer,
Winners Take All	Fred Bowen
Misty of Chincoteague and Brighty of the Grand Canyon	Marguerite Henry
Peter Pan	James Barrie
Souder	William H. Armstrong
Tales and Stories by Hans Christian Andersen	Hans Christian Andersen
The Arabian Nights Entertainments	Andrew Lang
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
A Land Remembered	Patrick D. Smith

Additional Series:

Little House on the Prairie Series
Encyclopedia Brown Series
Hardy Boys Series
My Life as a _____ Books
Nancy Drew Series
Junior Classics Series
Epic Order of the Seven Series by Jenny Cote
The Chronicles of Narnia Books
Matt Christopher Series
Left Behind Series
Adventures of Charlie Pierce Series by Harvey Oyer

