

# THE KING'S ACADEMY

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Parents of 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 abilities.

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](http://www.tka.net) \*
- [www.arbookfind.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.tka.net).*

## Entering Fifth Grade Book List

\*\*\*Required Book - Wonder by R. J. Palacio

### Optional Suggested Reading:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
The Red Pyramid	Rick Riordan
The Throne in the Fire	Rick Riordan
Kingdom Keeper Series	Ridley Pearson
Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series	Riordan
Chronicles of Narnia	C.S.Lewis
39 Clues Series	Various authors
Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart
Football Genius (Sports Series)	Tim Green
The Young Man and the Sea	Rodman Philbrick
Chip Hilton Series	Clair Bee
Pie	Sarah Weeks
TJ and the Time Stumblers Series	Bill Myers
Extra Credit	Andrew Clements
Lawn Boy	Gary Paulsen
Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree	Lauren Tarshis
Mr. Tucket	Gary Paulsen
The Ark, the Reed, & the Fire Cloud	Jenny Cote



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Reading Log Fifth Grade

### REQUIRED READING

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Parent initials</b>
<b>Required book:</b> Wonder by R. J. Palacio	R.J. Palacio	
<b>Book of your choice:</b>		

*Keep a log of additional books read this summer. Not all spaces are required to be filled.*
