

CCA Elementary Summer Reading Packet

Students entering 1st-5th grade

Dear Parents,

We are excited for the Summer Reading Program this year! We are encouraging your child to join the CCA Summer Reading Program. If you are interested, help your child choose books that are appropriate from the grade list that your child will be *entering* next year. A student may go up in grade level, but not down a level. have Christian-based books have been added to each grade level list. Some of these books are available to check-out through CCA. The rest can be found on amazon.com or at your local library. Feel free to share with other families!

Students may choose and read one book this summer. Instead of a quiz, students may choose one activity from the activity list to complete after reading each book. There are 19 activities to choose. **Activities are due by the end of the first week of school.** (Friday, August 17th). If completed, your child's name will be added to the Summer Reading Club List and will be awarded a free homework coupon and other rewards. **If you read and complete activities for more than one book, additional rewards will be given.** Feel free to read as much as possible between now and the beginning of school. We encourage all of our students to be life-long learners and reading is an important part of that goal. We appreciate your support and hope your child enjoys reading their book this summer. The lists are attached to this email. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or email Kathi Cardwell at kcardwell@ccagranbury.com. Happy reading and have a blessed summer!

Sincerely,

The Elementary Team

Book List

1st Grade

Easy:

1. Biscuit Books by Alyssa Capucilli
2. Polar Bear by Eric Carle
3. Sneakers, the Seaside Cat by Margaret Wise Brown
4. The Elves and the Shoemaker by Brinton Turkle
5. Calamity Jane by Jean R. Jones, Ellen Mueller, Bob C. Kirkpatrick

At Grade Level:

1. Clifford the Big Red Dog Series by Norman Bridwell
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
3. If You Give A Mouse Series by Laura Numeroff
4. Stone Soup by Heather Forest

Challenge:

1. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible.... By Judith Viorst
2. Arthur's First Sleepover by Marc Brown
3. Frog Goes to Dinner by Mercer Mayer
4. Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Biblically Integrated:

1. The Berenstain Bears (Say Your Prayers, Kindness Counts, Show Some Respect) by Mike or Jan Berenstain
2. What is Faith? By Virginia Mueller
3. God Made Seasons by Amelia Shearer

2nd Grade

Easy:

1. Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Bulla
2. Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca
3. Miss Nelson is Missing by James Marshall
4. The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

At Grade Level:

1. Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
2. Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
3. Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
4. Bread and Jam for Frances by Russell and Lillian Hobin

Challenge:

1. Class Clown by Johanna Hurwitz
2. Addie Across the Prarie by Laurie Lawlor
3. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
4. Granddaddy's Place by Helen V. Griffith

Biblically Integrated: *(recommended by BJU Press)*

1. Carolina's Courage by Elizabeth Courage*
2. Pulling Together by Dawn L. Watkins
3. The Treasure of Pelican Cove by Milly Howard*

*CCA has copies.

3rd Grade

Easy:

1. Hachilo, The Loyal Dog by Pamela S. Turner
2. It's Earth Day by Mercer Mayer
3. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

On Grade Level:

1. Charlotte's Web/Wilbur's Adventures by E.B. White
2. The Chocolate Touch by Patrick, Skene Catling
3. Matt Christopher Sports Series by Matt Christopher
4. A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
5. Shiloh Series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Challenge:

1. Morgan's Zoo by James Howee
2. Stuart Little by E. B. White
3. Shh: We're Writing the Constitution by Tome DePaola
4. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia Maclachlan

Biblically Integrated: *(recommended by BJU Press)*

1. The Case of the Dognapped Cat by Milly Howard*
2. Jenny Wren by Dawn L. Watkins
3. These Are My People by Milly Howard

*CCA has copies.

4th Grade

Easy:

1. The Courage of Sara Noble by Alicia Dalglish
2. No Flying in the House by Betty Brock
3. Sweetgrass by Jan Hudson

At Grade Level:

1. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
2. The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
3. Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
4. Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
5. What was the Alamo? by Pam Pollack

Challenge:

1. The Ordinary Fairy Princess by M. M. Kaye
2. The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson
3. A Paradise Called Texas by Janice Jordan Shefeleamar

Biblically Integrated: *(recommended by BJU Press)*

1. Sherriff at Waterstop by Andy Thomas
2. Medallion by Dawn L. Watkins
3. Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates

5th Grade

Easy:

1. My Father's Dragon by Ruth Gannett
2. Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
3. Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary

At Grade Level:

1. Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink
2. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
3. Trouble River by Betsy Byars
4. The Wheel on the School by Meindert DeJog and Maurice Sendak
5. Baseball in April by Gary Soto

Challenge:

1. Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
2. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
3. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
4. The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton

Biblically Integrated: *(recommended by BJU Press)*

1. The Secret of the Golden Cowrie by Gloria Repp
2. Derwood, Inc. by Jeri Massi
3. The Bridge by Jeri Massi

Book List Activities

1. Diary: Pretend you are the main character and write a journal entry for each chapter.
2. Write a letter to the author, make a copy of it, and mail the original. Bring in the copy of the letter and anything you receive from the author. (You may also do this by email.)
3. Construct a Diorama with a summary. It must represent setting and characters.
4. Book Cover/Jacket: Design a new cover for your book. It must include the title, author, and summary as well as a book critique and author information.
5. Design a puppet representing a character.
6. Rewrite the ending of your book.
7. Write a letter to a character in the story.
8. Make a poster or brochure about the book you read.
9. Write about the main character. Are you like them or not like them?
10. Construct a bobblehead of a character. (Requires a 2L bottle and a 4in Styrofoam ball for the head). Dress your bottle to represent your character.
11. Write a poem using the characters, setting, or plot of your story.
12. Summarize the book as a comic strip.
13. Write a book review of your book.
14. Prepare a commercial about your book. Act out for your class during the first week of school,
15. Design a bookmark with a summary on the back advertising your book.
16. Design a book quilt with 9 squares. In sequence, draw a picture representing the story plot.
17. Explain why you think this book will or will not be read 100 years from now. Support your opinion by stating specific events in the story.
18. Write a ballad, song, or rap about the characters in your book. Set the work to music or song and be prepared to sing it the first week of school.
19. Draw a mural depicting a major scene from the book.