

**Summer Reading Book List**  
**Students entering 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Dear Parents,

We are excited about the new and improved Summer Reading Program this year. Help your child choose an appropriate book 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.

Students will choose and read two books this summer. Instead of a quiz, students will choose one activity from the activity list to complete after reading each book. There are 19 activities to choose from. Activities will be due by the end of the first full week of school. (Friday, August 19th) Grades will be taken for one of the book activities completed. We appreciate your support and hope your child enjoys reading their two books this summer. The lists are attached to this email and were also placed in the student's awards folder. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn DeWald.

In His Service,

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## Book List

*1<sup>st</sup> 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 Cruz
2. Arthur's First Sleepover by Marc Brown
3. Frog Goes to Dinner by Mercer Mayer
4. Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

## *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Bedilia by Peggy Parish Fritz Siebel
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 Prairie by Laurie Lawlor
3. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
4. Granddaddy's Place by Helen V. Griffith

### *3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The Great Ancestor Hunt by Lila Peri
2. A Summer in the South by James Marshall
3. Harvey's Marvelous Monkey Mystery by Eth Clifford

#### **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. Sara, Plain and Tall by Patricia Maclachlan

## *4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

### **Easy:**

1. Courage of Sara Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
2. No Flying in the House by Betty Brock
3. Sweetgrass by Jan Hudson

### **At Grade Level:**

1. Snow Treasures by Marie McSwigan
2. Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
3. Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

### **Challenge:**

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

## *5<sup>th</sup> 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 & Maurice Sendak

### **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

## *6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

### **Easy:**

1. Souder by William H. Armstrong
2. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
3. The Incredible Journey by Sheila Bumford
4. The River by Gary Paulsen

### **At Grade Level:**

1. Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
2. King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry
3. Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

### **Challenge:**

1. The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
2. A Family Apart by Joan Lowery Nixon
3. Silver by Norma Mayer
4. Redwall by Brian Jacques

## **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.