



Dear Parents,

In order to ensure that our students develop good reading habits and necessary literacy skills; we ask that the children spend time reading during the summer months. Please find each grade's summer book list below (continued on the back). The children are required to read one book, and to complete a report for this book (see attached). The completed report will be submitted to your child's teacher during the first week of school. Additional recommendations are listed, and all students are strongly encouraged to read as many books as possible. Remember, you are your child's first, and best teacher! Your support is truly appreciated!

Students Entering Grade 1:

Required Reading: The Biscuit Series (any book) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Additional Recommendations

Dog and Bear by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews

Little Bear: (I Can Read Series) by Maurice Sendak

The Clifford Series: by Norman Bridwell

The "If You Give" Series by Laura Numeroff

Students Entering Grade 2:

Required Reading: Henry and Mudge (any book) by Cynthia Rylant

Additional Recommendations

The Frog and Toad Series by Arnold Lobel

Morris the Moose by B. Wiseman

Poppleton Series by Cynthia Rylant

Cam Jansen Series by David Adler

Arthur Series by Marc Brown

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Students Entering Grade 3:

Required Reading: Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Additional Recommendations

The Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

The Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline

The Junie B. Jones Series by Barbara Park

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

Students Entering Grade 4:

Required Reading: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Additional Recommendations

Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Revolutionary War on Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne

Civil War on Sunday by Mary Pope Osborne

Buffalo Before Breakfast by Mary Pope Osborne

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

Students Entering Grade 5:

Required Reading: Frindle by Andrew Clemens

Additional Recommendations

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

A Summer Life by Gary Soto

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Outstanding in My Field by Patrick Jennings

The Secret School by Avi

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Students Entering Grade 6:

Required Reading: Holes by Louis Sachar

Additional Recommendations

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funk

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

Artemis Fowl Series by Eoin Colfer

Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura Williams

Someone Is Hiding on Alcatraz Island by Eve Bunting

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Double Identity by Margaret Haddix

Missing May by Cynthia Rylant

After the Rain by E. Mazer

Bull Run by Paul Fleischman

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter

Students Entering Grade 7:

Required Reading: The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Additional Recommendations

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi

So B. It by Sarah Weeks

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Growing Up Jane Austen by Veronica Bennett

The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Students Entering Grade 8:

Required Readings: The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

Additional Recommendations

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

Confessions of a Closet Catholic by Sarah Darer Dutton Littman

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

“There is more treasure in books than in all the
pirate's loot on Treasure Island.”