



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
“RECOMMENDED”
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS**

Students promoted to their respective grades are advised to read the following books during the summer holidays to improve their reading and comprehension skills.

Ways to enjoy books:

- Listen to book being read aloud.*
- Take turns reading to a friend, sibling, or parent.*
- Read the book by yourself and tell others about your favorite parts of the book.*
- Record yourself reading the book and then listen to the tape.*

Grade 1

“The Man Who Walked Between the Towers” – Mordicai Gerstein
 “Ella Sarah Gets Dressed” – Margaret Chodos-Irvine
 “What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?” – Robin Page
 “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus” – Mo Willems
 “My Friend Rabbit” – Eric Rohmann
 “The Spider and the Fly” – Mary Howitt
 “The Gardener” – Sarah Stewart
 “The Faithful Friend” – Robert D. San Souci
 “Tops and Bottoms” – Janet Stevens
 “My name is Maria Isabel” – Alma Flor Ada
 “From the Belly button of the Moon and Other Summer Poems” – Francisco M. Alarcon
 “Golden Tales: Myths, Legends and Folktales from Latin America – Lulu Delacre
 “The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales” - Virginia Hamilton
 “Maples In The Mist: Poems for children from The Tang Dynasty” – Minfong Ho
 “John Henry” – Julius Lester
 “Baseball Saved Us” – Ken Mochizuki
 “Wings” – Christopher Myers
 “The People Shall Continue”- Simon Ortiz
 “Tar Beach” – Faith Ringgold
 “What’s The Most Beautiful Thing You Know about Horses?” – Richard Van Camp
 “Justin and The Best Biscuits in the World” – Mildred Pitts Walter

Top 3 benefits of Reading

1. **A stronger relationship with you.** As your children grow older, they’ll be involved in many activities with friends and siblings. Snuggling up with a book lets parents and children slow down and recapture that time you enjoyed when they were younger. Instead of being seen as a chore or a task, reading will become a nurturing activity that will bring the two of you closer together.
2. **Academic excellence.** One of the primary benefits of reading to young children is a higher aptitude for learning in general. Numerous studies have shown that students who are exposed to reading early on are more likely to do well in all facets of formal education.
3. **Better communication skills.** When you spend time reading with children, they’ll be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy, constructive way.

Grade 2

“ A Pet For Me” – Poems by Lee Bennett
 “Are You My Mother” – Philip Eastman
 “The Art Lesson” – Tomie De Paolo
 “Blueberries for Sal” – Robert McCloskey
 “The Bracelet” – Yoshiko Uchida
 “Does the Moon Change Shapes” – Melish Goldish
 “The Giving Tree & A light in the Attic” – Shel Silverstein
 “Honeybees” – Deborah Heiligman
 “I Had a Friend Named Peter” – Janice Cohn
 “The Little House” – Virginia Lee Burton
 “Lizards for Lunch” – Conard Stored
 “Math Curse” – Jon Scieszka
 “The Mitten” – Jan Brett
 “The Napping House” – Audrey Wood
 “Amelia Bedelia” – Peggy Perish
 “A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman” – David Adler

**MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL “REQUIRED”
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS**

- *Students promoted into the following grades are required to read the indicated novel(s)*
- *Students will be tested on reading assignments in August 2010*
- *Books must be purchased and brought to class during the first week of school*

Grade 3

“The Best School Year Ever” – Barbara Robinson
 “Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective” – Donald J.Sobol
 “Go Free or Die” – Jeri Ferris
 “Abel’s Island –Steig, William
 “The Keeping Quilt” – Patricia Polacco
 “Miss Nelson is Missing!” – Harry Allard
 “Basil of Baker Street”- Titus, Eve
 “How Much Is A Million”- Schwartz, David M.

 (Please see reverse side for additional books)

Grade 4

“Little House in the Big Woods”
 “The Mouse and the Motorcycle”
 “Stone Fox”
 “Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing”
 “Freckle Juice”
 “Boxcar children”

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Grade 5

“Caddie Woodlawn”
 “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”
 “Charlotte’s Web”
 “Harriet the Spy”
 “Little House on the Prairie”
 “Johnny Tremain”
 “Matilda”
 “Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry”

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Grade 6

“20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”
 Jules Verne

Grade 7:

Hatchet
 -Gary Paulsen

Grade 8:

Farewell to Manzanar - Jeanne Wakatsuki
 English I: Pre-AP
7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens (Sean Covey)
Cold Mountain (Charles Frazier)
 English II: Pre-AP
Writing With Power (Peter Elbow, 1981)
 (First edition only)
The Heretic’s Daughter (Kathleen Kent)
 English III Pre-AP
How to Read Literature Like a Professor
 (Thomas Foster)
A Hope in the Unseen (Ron Suskind)
 English III AP
How to Read Literature Like a Professor
 (Foster)
The Post-American World (Fareed Zakaria)
 English IV Pre-AP
A Thousand Splendid Suns (Khaled Hosseini)
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**ENJOY YOUR READING
ADVENTURES!**

These additional, optional books are arranged according to grade levels. Students are encouraged to read as many books as possible, from any level.

Grade 3

“Poppy and Rye” – Avi
“The BFG” – R. Dahl
“Ramona Quimby, Age 8” – Beverly Cleary
“A Pizza the Size of the Sun” – Jack Prelutsky
“Amazing Grace” – Mary Hoffman
“Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs” – Judi Barrett
“The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein”
“Be a Perfect Person in Three Days”
“Ben and Me”
“The Boxcar Children”
“The Chalk Box Kid”
“The Chocolate Touch”
“The Courage of Sarah Noble”
“Felita”
“Front Porch Stories”
“A Gift for Mama”
“A Grain of Rice”
“Helen Keller”
“The Hundred Dresses”
“The Hundred Penny Box”
“J.T.”
“The Littles”
“Maurice’s Room”
“The Most Beautiful Place in the World”
“The Mouse and the Motorcycle”
“Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle”
“Muggie Maggie”
“O’Diddy”
“Ramona the Brave”
“The Secret Soldier”
“Sidewalk Story”
“Silver”
“The Skirt”
“A Taste of Blackberries”
“The Trouble with Tuck”
“Witch of Fourth Street”

Grade 4

“All-Of-A-Kind Family”
“Anastasia Krupnik”
“The BFG”
“The Big Wave”
“Bunnicula”
“By the Great Horn Spoon”
“Charlotte’s Web”
“The Cricket in Times Square”
“Dear Mr. Henshaw”
“The Enormous Egg”
“The Family Under The Bridge”
“Fantastic Mr. Fox”
“The Friendship/ The Gold Cadillac”
“Fudge-a-Mania”
“The Great Brain”
“The House With a Clock in its Walls”
“The Indian in the Cupboard”
“James and the Giant Peach”
“Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, &Me, Elizabeth”
“Journey to Jo’burg”
“Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”
“Maggie Marmelstein for President”
“Missing May”
“Misty of Chincoteague”
“Mr. Popper’s Penguins”
“My Brother Stevie”
“Pippi Longstocking”
“Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest”
“Sadako/ Thousand Paper Cranes”
“Sarah, Plain and Tall”
“Search for Delicious”
“Shiloh”
“The Shoeshine Girl”
“Skinnybones”
“Skylark”
“Socks”
“Superfudge”
“Trouble River”
“Trumpet of the Swan”
“The Velveteen Rabbit”
“Yang the Youngest/ Terrible Ear”

Grade 5

“Adam of the Road”
“Babe the Gallant Pig”
“Baseball Fever”
“Bridge to Terabithia”
“The Burning Questions of Bingo Brown”
“The Cabin Faced West”
“Call It Courage”
“Castle in the Attic”
“The Cat Ate My Gym Suit”
“The Cay”
“Charley Skedaddle”
“Danny the Champion of the World”
“The Devil’s Arithmetic”
“Dragonwings”
“Edgar Allan”
“The Fighting Ground”
“Freaky Friday”
“Freedom Crossing”
“From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.
“A Gathering of Days”
“The Girl Who Owned a City”
“The Great Gilly Hopkins”
“Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain”
“The Incredible Journey”
“In the Year/ Boar and Jackie Robinson”
“Island of the Blue Dolphins”
“Julie of the Wolves”
“Journey to America”
“Luke Was There”
“The Maldonado Miracle”
“My Side of the Mountain”
“On My Honor”
“The Phantom Tollbooth”
“The Pinballs”
“Shades of Gray”
“Sign of the Beaver”
“The Silver Coach”
“Summer of the Swans”
“The Talking Earth”
“Tuck Everlasting”
“The Twenty-one Balloons”
“War Comes to Willy Freeman”
“The War with Grandpa”
“Welcome Home, Jellybean”
“The Whipping Boy”
“Who Really Killed Cock Robin?”
“The Wish-Giver”

Grade 6

“The Acorn People”
“Alan and Naomi”
“Alice in Wonderland”
“Anne of Green Gables”
“Black Pearl”
“The Bronze Bow”
“Catherine, Called Birdy”
“The Crossing”
“The Door in the Wall”
“Down a Dark Hall”
“The Egypt Game”
“Follow My Leader”
“Gentlehands”
“The Giver”
“The Goats”
“The High King”
“Homer Price”
“Homesick”
“The House of Dies Driear”
“Interstellar Pig”
“Jacob Have I Loved”
“Journey Home”
“Lyddie”
“Maniac Magee”
“M.C. Higgins, the Great”
“Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH”
“Nothing But the Truth”
“Number the Stars”
“Old Yeller”
“One-Eyed Cat”
“Park’s Quest”
“The Pushcart War”
“Rascal”
“The Secret Garden”
“Shadow of a Bull”
“The Slave Dancer”
“Snow Treasure”
“So Far From the Bamboo Grove”
“Waiting For the Rain”
“Walk Two Moons”
“The Westing Game”
“The White Mountains”
“The Wind in the Willows”
“The Witch of Blackbird Pond”
“Words By Heart”

SUMMER READING IS FUN!