

Summer Reading Lists

Elementary School

Rising 1st Grade:

Starter Books:

- *Pete the Cat Series* by James Dean
- *My First "I Can Read" Books* (ex: Biscuit, Splat the Cat, Ty's Travels etc.)
- *Curious George Series* by Margaret and H.A. Reys
- *If you give... series books* by Laura Numeroff (ex: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, If You Give a Dog a Donut, etc.)

Beginner Chapter Books:

- *Fly Guy series* by Tedd Arnold
- *Press Start series* by Thomas Flintham
- *Diary of a Pug series* by Kyla May
- *Narwhal series* by Ben Clanton



MUST read for Summer (Assignment given at the first week of school):

- [*Sydney and Taylor: Explore the Whole Wide World by Jacqueline Davies*](#)
 - This should be read by the student and only assisted with words they are not familiar with. A great time to read it together is before bed. Spend 10-15 minutes reading one to two chapters a night.

Rising 2nd Grade:

Easy Chapter Books

- *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel
- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik
- *Amelia Bedelia series* by Peggy Parish
- *Fly Guy series* by Tedd Arnold



MUST read for the summer:

- [*Charlotte's Web by E.B. White*](#)

Chapter Books

- *Flat Stanley series* by Jeff Brown
- *Horrible Harry* by Suzy Kline
- *Junie B. Jones series* by Barbara Park
- *Nate the Great series* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid series* by Jeff Kinney
- *Owl Diaries series* by Rebecca Elliott
- *Geronimo Stilton series* by Elisabetta Dami
- *Theo Stilton series* by Elisabetta Dami

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Rising 3rd Grade:

Chapter Books:

- American Girl books (for girls)
- *Cam Jensen mystery series* by David Adler
- *Paddington Bear* books by Michael Bond
- *Babar book series* by Jean de Brunhoff
- *Meet Abraham Lincoln* by Barbara Cary
- *The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame
- *Bobbsey Twins series* by Laura Lee Hope
- *Nancy Drew mystery series* by Carolyn Keene
- *Frog and Toad Series* by Arnold Lobel
- *Just the Way You Are* by Max Lucado
- *Animal Friends series* by Janette Oke
- *Magic Treehouse series* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *The Donkey Who Carried a King* by R.C. Sproul
- *The Prince's Poison Cup* by R.C. Sproul
- *Boxcar Children series* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Little House on the Prairie series* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Velveteen Rabbit*



Must reads for the summer:

- *Hardy Boys books* by Franklin W. Dixon
- *Little House on the Prairie series* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Rising 4th Grade:



Must reads for summer (School Requirement):

- *The Case of the Dognapped Cat* by Milly Howard (book provided)
- *These are My People* (book provided)

Fun Summer reads:

- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Survivors Series* by Erin Hunter
- *Toby's Story* by W. Bruce Getty
- *Hero* by Jennifer Li Shotz

Educational Reads (Big Head Book):

- *Who was? What was? Where was? Book Series* - Grosset & Dunlap

Student Favorites:

- *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey
- *The Judy Moody Series* by Peter H. Reynolds



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Rising 5th Grade:

Chapter Book:

- *American Girl books* (for girls)
- *Dear America series*
- *Dragons: Legends and Lore of Dinosaurs* by Answers in Genesis
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Little Daisy and the Swearing Class* by anonymous author and published by Grace and A Truth Books
- *The Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Magic School Bus series* by Joanna Cole
- *The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite de Angeli *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Di Camillo
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- *Hardy Boys books* by Franklin W. Dixon



Summer Reading Lists

Middle School English

Each grade level must choose one book to read.

Rising 6th Grade:

- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Peterson
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary

Rising 7th Grade:

- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *A Family Apart* by Joan Lowery Nixon
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- *The Watsons go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Rising 8th Grade:

- *Winger* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *Streams to the River, River to the Sea* by Scott O'Dell
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander
- *Invisible* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- *Restart* by Gordon Korma



Summer Reading Lists

High School English

Each grade level must choose one book to read.

Rising 9th Grade:

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *The River* by Gary Paulsen
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *White Fang* by Jack London
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by John Steinbeck
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen

Rising 10th Grade:

- *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Zalta's Diary* by Zlata Filipovic
- *Christy* by Catherine Marshall
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Rising 11th Grade:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington
- *Brian's Song* by William Blinn
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

Rising 12th Grade:

- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Emma* by Jane Austen
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie
- *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells



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High School English (Honors)

Each grade level must choose one book to read.

Rising 9th Grade:

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Anne of Green Gables* series by Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by John Steinbeck
- *A Bell for Adano* by John Hersey
- Any Louisa May Alcott novels
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- *Any of the Wrinkle in Time* series by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown

Rising 10th Grade:

- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
- *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- *Zalta's Diary* by Zlata Filipovic
- *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas
- *Born Free* by Joy Adamson
- *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo (get the abridged version)
- *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- *My Life* by Golda Meir
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Medea* by Euripides
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini



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High School English (Honors)

Rising 10th Grade (continued):

- *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Enrich M. Remarque
- *Christy* by Catherine Marshall
- *White Fang* by Jack London
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy

Rising 11th Grade:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Brian's Song* by William Blinn
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- *O Pioneer!* By Willa Cather
- *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *A Day No Pigs Would Die* by Robert Newton Peck
- *Christy* by Catherine Marshall
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller (a play)
- *The Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller (a play)
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Babbit* by Sinclair Lewis
- *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven
- *A Day of Infamy* by Walter Lord
- *The Ox-Bow Incident* by Walter Clark
- *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway
- *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne



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High School English (Honors)

Rising 12th Grade:

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy
- *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy
- *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling
- *The Space Trilogy* by C.S. Lewis
- *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott
- *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe
- *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien (any of the trilogy)
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (or any of her other novels)
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie