



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
“RECOMMENDED”
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS 2009**

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

- oThe Man Who Walked Between the Towersö ó Mordicai Gerstein
- oElla Sarah Gets Dressedö ó Margaret Chodos-Irvine
- oWhat Do You Do With a Tail Like This?ö ó Robin Page
- oDon't Let the Pigeon Drive the Busö ó Mo Willems
- oMy Friend Rabbitö ó Eric Rohmann
- oThe Spider and the Flyö ó Mary Howitt
- oThe Gardenerö ó Sarah Stewart
- oThe Faithful Friendö ó Robert D. San Souci
- oTops and Bottomsö ó Janet Stevens
- oMy name is Maria Isabelö ó Alma Flor Ada
- oFrom the Belly button of the Moon and Other Summer Poemsö ó Francisco M. Alarcon
- oGolden Tales: Myths, Legends and Folktales from Latin America ö Lulu Delacre
- oThe People Could Fly: American Black Folktalesö - Virginia Hamilton
- oMaples In The Mist: Poems for children from The Tang Dynastyö ó Minfong Ho
- oJohn Henryö ó Julius Lester
- oBaseball Saved Usö ó Ken Mochizuki
- oWingsö ó Christopher Myers
- oThe People Shall Continueö- Simon Ortiz
- oTar Beachö ó Faith Ringgold
- oWhat's The Most Beautiful Thing You Know about Horses?ö ó Richard Van Camp
- oJustin and The Best Biscuits in the Worldö ó 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

- o A Pet For Meö ó Poems by Lee Bennett
- oAre You My Motherö ó Philip Eastman
- oThe Art Lessonö ó Tomie De Paolo
- oBlueberries for Salö ó Robert McCloskey
- oThe Braceletö ó Yoshiko Uchida
- oDoes the Moon Change Shapesö ó Melish Goldish
- oThe Giving Tree & A light in the Atticö ó Shel Silverstein
- oHoneybeesö ó Deborah Heiligman
- oI Had a Friend Named Peterö ó Janice Cohn
- oThe Little Houseö ó Virginia Lee Burton
- oLizards for Lunchö ó Conard Store
- oMath Curseö ó Jon Scieszka
- oThe Mittenö ó Jan Brett
- oThe Napping Houseö ó Audrey Wood
- oAmelia Bedeliaö ó Peggy Parish
- oA Picture Book of Harriet Tubmanö ó David Adler

Grade 3

- oThe Best School Year Everö ó Barbara Robinson
- oEncyclopedia Brown, Boy Detectiveö ó Donald J.Sobol
- oGo Free or Dieö ó Jeri Ferris
- oHow to Eat Fried Wormsö ó Thomas Rockwell
- oThe Keeping Quiltö ó Patricia Polacco
- oMiss Nelson is Missing!öó Harry Allard
- oMr. Popper's Penguinsö ó Richard Atwater
- oPoppyö ó Avi

(Please see reverse side for additional books)

Grade 4

- oLittle House in the Big Woodsö
- oThe Mouse and the Motorcycleö
- oStone Foxö
- oTales of a Fourth Grade Nothingö
- oFreckle Juiceö
- oBoxcar childrenö

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Grade 5

- oCaddie Woodlawnö
- oCharlie and the Chocolate Factoryö
- oCharlotte's Webö
- oHarriet the Spyö
- oLittle House on the Prairieö
- oJohnny Tremainö
- oMatildaö
- oRoll of Thunder, Hear my Cryö

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**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 2009*
- *Books must be purchased and brought to class during the first week of school*

Grade 6

- oRed Scarf Girlö
- Ji Li Jiang

Grade 7

- oHatchetö
- Gary Paulsen

Grade 8

- oFarewell to Manzanarö
- Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Grade 9

- oThe Old Man and the Seaö
- Ernest Hemmingway

Grade 10

- oThe Scarlet Letterö
- ó Nathaniel Hawthorne

Grade 11

- oMy Antoniaö
- Willa Cather

Grade 12

- oThe Power of Oneö
- ó Bryce Courtenay

**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

oPoppy and Ryeö ó Avi
oThe BFGö ó R. Dahl
oRamona Quimby, Age 8ö ó Beverly Cleary
oA Pizza the Size of the Sunö ó Jack Prelutsky
oAmazing Graceö ó Mary Hoffman
oCloudy With A Chance of Meatballsö ó Judi Barrett
oThe Adventures of Ali Baba Bernsteinö
oBe a Perfect Person in Three Daysö
oBen and Meö
oThe Boxcar Childrenö
oThe Chalk Box Kidö
oThe Chocolate Touchö
oThe Courage of Sarah Nobleö
oFelitaö
oFront Porch Storiesö
oA Gift for Mamaö
oA Grain of Riceö
oHelen Kellerö
oThe Hundred Dressesö
oThe Hundred Penny Boxö
oJ.T.ö
oThe Littlesö
oMaurice's Roomö
oThe Most Beautiful Place in the Worldö
oThe Mouse and the Motorcycleö
oMrs. Piggle-Wiggleö
oMuggie Maggieö
oO'Diddyö
oRamona the Braveö
oThe Secret Soldierö
oSidewalk Storyö
oSilverö
oThe Skirtö
oA Taste of Blackberriesö
oThe Trouble with Tuckö
oWitch of Fourth Streetö

Grade 4

oAll-Of-A-Kind Familyö
oAnastasia Krupnikö
oThe BFGö
oThe Big Waveö
oBunnicaö
oBy the Great Horn Spoonö
oCharlotte's Webö
oThe Cricket in Times Squareö
oDear Mr. Henshawö
oThe Enormous Eggö
oThe Family Under The Bridgeö
oFantastic Mr. Foxö
oThe Friendship/ The Gold Cadillacö
oFudge-a-Maniaö
oThe Great Brainö
oThe House With a Clock in its Wallsö
oThe Indian in the Cupboardö
oJames and the Giant Peachö
oJennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, &Me, Elizabethö
oJourney to Jo'burgö
oLion, the Witch and the Wardrobeö
oMaggie Marmelstein for Presidentö
oMissing Mayö
oMisty of Chincoteagueö
oMr. Popper's Penguinsö
oMy Brother Stevieö
oPippi Longstockingö
oRobin Hood of Sherwood Forestö
oSadako/ Thousand Paper Cranesö
oSarah, Plain and Tallö
oSearch for Deliciousö
oShilohö
oThe Shoeshine Girlö
oSkinnybonesö
oSkylarkö
oSocksö
oSuperfudgeö
oTrouble Riverö
oTrumpet of the Swanö
oThe Velveteen Rabbitö
oYang the Youngest/ Terrible Earö

Grade 5

oAdam of the Roadö
oBabe the Gallant Pigö
oBaseball Feverö
oBridge to Terabithiaö
oThe Burning Questions of Bingo Brownö
oThe Cabin Faced Westö
oCall It Courageö
oCastle in the Atticö
oThe Cat Ate My Gym Suitö
oThe Cayö
oCharley Skedaddleö
oDanny the Champion of the Worldö
oThe Devil's Arithmeticö
oDragonwingsö
oEdgar Allanö
oThe Fighting Groundö
oFreaky Fridayö
oFreedom Crossingö
oFrom the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.
oA Gathering of Daysö
oThe Girl Who Owned a Cityö
oThe Great Gilly Hopkinsö
oI'da Early Comes Over the Mountainö
oThe Incredible Journeyö
oIn the Year/ Boar and Jackie Robinsonö
oIsland of the Blue Dolphinsö
oJulie of the Wolvesö
oJourney to Americaö
oLuke Was Thereö
oThe Maldonado Miracleö
oMy Side of the Mountainö
oOn My Honorö
oThe Phantom Tollboothö
oThe Pinballsö
oShades of Grayö
oSign of the Beaverö
oThe Silver Coachö
oSummer of the Swansö
oThe Talking Earthö
oTuck Everlastingö
oThe Twenty-one Balloonsö
oWar Comes to Willy Freemanö
oThe War with Grandpaö
oWelcome Home, Jellybeanö
oThe Whipping Boyö
oWho Really Killed Cock Robin?ö
oThe Wish-Giverö

Grade 6

oThe Acorn Peopleö
oAlan and Naomiö
oAlice in Wonderlandö
oAnne of Green Gablesö
oBlack Pearlö
oThe Bronze Bowö
oCatherine, Called Birdyö
oThe Crossingö
oThe Door in the Wallö
oDown a Dark Hallö
oThe Egypt Gameö
oFollow My Leaderö
oGentlehandsö
oThe Giverö
oThe Goatsö
oThe High Kingö
oHomer Priceö
oHomesickö
oThe House of Dies Driearö
oInterstellar Pigö
oJacob Have I Lovedö
oJourney Homeö
oLyddieö
oManiac Mageeö
oM.C. Higgins, the Greatö
oMrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMHö
oNothing But the Truthö
oNumber the Starsö
oOld Yellerö
oOne-Eyed Catö
oPark's Questö
oThe Pushcart Warö
oRascalö
oThe Secret Gardenö
oShadow of a Bullö
oThe Slave Dancerö
oSnow Treasureö
oSo Far From the Bamboo Groveö
oWaiting For the Rainö
oWalk Two Moonsö
oThe Westing Gameö
oThe White Mountainsö
oThe Wind in the Willowsö
oThe Witch of Blackbird Pondö
oWords By Heartö

SUMMER READING IS FUN!