



Summer Reading Lists

Elementary School 24/25

Rising Kindergarten:

Hello Parents,

We are excited that you have chosen to start your child's educational journey with us. Kindergarten is an exciting time. Below you will find some tips that we hope are helpful as you prepare your child for the school year ahead.

- ***Spend 10-15 minutes each night reading to your child.***

Reading is a major part of Kindergarten. Spending time reading with your child will help to build their vocabulary and increase comprehension.

- ***Practice Dressing and Undressing***

Your child will start to develop more independence as the school year progresses. A great way to ease your child into this is by having them practice doing familiar tasks independently. This is also important for your child as the teacher will not be able to assist in dressing or undressing your child for restroom breaks.

- ***Practice Tying Shoes***

If your child has not learned to tie their shoes yet, summer is a great time to start practicing. Students who know how to tie their shoes tend to have less accidents during play.

- ***Cut Daytime Naps***

Preparing for Kindergarten means preparing our minds as well as our bodies. If your child takes long naps or multiple naps in a day, summer is a great time to start a new routine for the upcoming school year. Try cutting naps down to just one hour with an earlier bedtime. Kindergarteners receive 20 minutes of rest time during the day.

- ***Practice Letters & Sounds***

Phonics is the foundation of a good reader. Try practicing letters and their sounds in fun ways this summer, some ideas include: *I Spy*, *SideWalk chalk*, *shaving cream* and *magnetic letters*.

- ***Practice Name Writing***

In Kindergarten your child will need to be able to identify and write their name. Your child's teacher will work with them to build confidence when writing words and sentences through the school year.

- ***Practice Counting Objects 0-20 and Writing Numbers 0-10***

Building foundational number sense is a focus in kindergarten as students will be introduced to addition, subtraction, and telling time. This summer have your child try counting numbers 0-20 and writing numbers 0-10.



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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: and the Great Friend Expedition* by Jacqueline Davies](#)
 - Students should be able to read about 25-50% of the book. It's okay if they need help, but encourage them to read and comprehend. Spend time at night reading a chapter and discuss what has happened. A good exercise is having the parent read a page with fluidity and inflection (voice levels) and then have your student read the same page. Make sure they follow along with you so they are becoming familiar with each word you read.

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

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

MUST read for the summer:

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



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Rising 3rd Grade:

Must read for the summer:

- Student Choice of a chapter book, suggested books below. Students will do a project upon the start of the school year.

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*

Rising 4th Grade:

Must read for summer (School Requirement):

- Student Choice of a chapter book, suggested books below. Students will do a project upon the start of the school year.

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:

Must reads for summer (School Requirement):

- The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe Book

Chapter Books:

The Chronicles of Narnia Series:

2. Prince Caspian Book
3. The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader Book
4. The Silver Chair Book
5. The Horse And His Boy Book
6. The Magician's Nephew Book