2019 – 2020 Summer Reading List

Please note that the Reading Lists and Assignments below are listed according to the grade students will be entering into for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Kindergarten

Books and Authors are suggestions. We encourage you to read with your child every day.

Some favorites:

Moondance by Frank Asch
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Can I Keep Him? by Stephen Kellogg
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood
First Day Jitters by Julie Dannerberg
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends by Carol Buckley

Some of our favorite authors:

Ted Arnold  Eric Carle  David Martin
Byron Barton  Doreen Cronin  Laura Numeroff
Norman Birdwell  James Dean  Jon Sciesca
Jan Brett  Lois Ehlert  Rosemary Wells
Kathy Caple  Kevin Henkes  Audrey Wood
Alyssa Capucilli  Arthur Lobel  Mo Willems

Informational Selections:

Books by Aliki
Books by Tish Rabe
Fly Guy Series by Ted Arnold
National Geographic Reader Series
Let's Read and Find Out Science Series (Harper Collins)
Read and Wonder Series (Penguin Random House)

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Grade 1

The following are suggestions only. We would just like you to get into the habit of reading with your child every day.

**Fun Books to Share:**

- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- Arthur Series by Marc Brown
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- Berenstain Bear series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Clifford Series by Norman Bridwell
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- Franklin Series by Paulette Bourgeois
- Froggy Series by Jonathan London
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
- Little Critter Series by Mercer Mayer
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *Cam Jansen*
- *Elephant and Piggy* by Mo Willems
- *Fly Guy Phonics* by Tedd Arnold
- *Hello Kitty* sight words

**Learning to Read Series:**

- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- *Step Into Reading Levels 1–4*
- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik

**Alphabet Books:**

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg

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Grade 2

**Required Reading Selection:**
- *Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman

**Suggested list of titles and authors:**
- Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
- Rainbow Magic Series by Daisy Meadow
- Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
- Poppleton Series by Cynthia Rylant
- *A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy
- Judy Moody Series by Megan McDaniels
- Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy Series by Jane O'Connor
- My Weird School Series by Dan Gutman
- Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo
- *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

Non Fiction books about history, science and nature are also exciting reads. Consider sharing these stories with your children:

- Magic Tree House Fact Checker Series
- *Magic School Bus* series by Joanna Cole
- Let's Read and Find Out Series
- *How to Talk to Your Dog* by Jean Craighead George
- *American, Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney
- Who Was Series
- I Am Series by Brad Meltzer

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Grade 3

**Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):**

- Choose any one *Who Was/Who Is* book from the series. (Complete 3rd Grade biography book assignment - due the first day of school.)
- *Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli (Be prepared for classroom assignments.)

**Suggested Reading:**

**Fiction:**
- Weird School Series by Dan Gutman
- Geronimo Stilton Series
- Key Hunters (Mystery)
- 39 Clues (Mystery)
- Jeff Corwin (Junior Explorer Series)
- Beverly Cleary Books
- *Boxcar Children Mysteries*
- Matt Christopher Books
- American Girl Series

**Non-Fiction:**
- *Who Was/Who Is/Where Is* Series
- Blast Back! Series
- National Geographic Kids Chapters:
  - *Tiger in Trouble!*
  - *Dog Finds Lost Dolphin!*
  - *Ape Escape!*

**Poetry:**
- Shel Silverstein
- Jack Prelutsky

**Realistic Fiction:**
- *Totally True Adventures: Titanic Sinks*
- *Totally True Adventures: Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse*
- *I Survived* Series by Lauren Tarshis

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Grade 4

Required Reading Selection:

Students will read TWO (2) of the following:

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Gladiator School – Book 1 – Blood Oath by Dan Scott
- Tuesdays in the Castle by Jessica Day George
- Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Students have to read TWO (2) of the above books. For EACH of the books they need to complete a Doodle page. There are three (3) choices for the Doodle page. Students can do the same Doodle page for both books or choose two (2) different Doodle pages. They are due on the first day of school.

Students should read at least 20 minutes a day during summer break in order to hit the ground running in September.

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**Grade 5**

Required Reading Selections (two books total):

Students entering 5th grade are required to read *The Losers Club* by Andrew Clements. There will be a test on the story in September.

Students are also required to complete a reflection response activity to be submitted in September. The guideline for the reflection response activity is located on the school’s website. The activity needs to be turned in to your Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

Upcoming fifth graders are also required to read a biography and complete a biography report form. The biography report form is located on the school’s website. The “Who Was...?” series is a terrific choice, but not the only choice.

For those looking for MORE books to read this summer (and beyond):

Below is a reference list of book suggestions. Any of the authors below are terrific and highly recommended.

**Choice Author Suggestion List:**
The following are suggested authors. There are plenty of other great authors too! These are only suggestions.

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Be sure to use the “Five Finger” rule to determine if a book is a “good fit” for you. Enjoy your reading adventures!

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Grade 6

Required Reading Selection (both books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following two books and complete the following assignments.

- **The Giver** by Lois Lowry

  A test will be given the first week of school in September on *The Giver*. Please be prepared!

- **Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart** by Candace Fleming

  Students are required to complete a *Biography Review Sheet* for the biography above. This *Biography Review Sheet* is located on the school’s website and needs to be turned in to your Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

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Grade 7

Mandatory Fiction Books (These two books MUST be read):

- *Counting by 7’s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

  There will be a multiple choice test on *Counting by 7’s* when students return to school in September.

- *Blood on the River* by Elisa Carbone

  This reading is part of the Social Studies curriculum. Students will take a test on this novel in Social Studies class the first week of school. Please be prepared.

Non-Fiction Choices:

*Students will read ONE (1) of the following:*

- *Frozen in Time* by Mitchell Zuckoff
- *Red Scarf Girl* by Ji Li Jiang
- *Elon Musk and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* by Ashlee Vance

A non-fiction book report for over the summer will be prepared for the non-fiction choice book.

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Required Reading Selection (all three books MUST be read):

Students are required to read the following three (3) books and complete the following assignments.

• **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck
  
  There will be a test the first week of school on *Of Mice and Men* that consists of multiple choice questions, matching, and an essay. Please be prepared!

• **Warriors Don’t Cry** by Melba Pattillo Beals
  
  Write a reaction paper explaining in detail how you were affected by this memoir.

  1. The paper must be approximately between 400-500 words
  2. The paper must be 12 pt. font Times New Roman and double-spaced
  3. The paper must have a proper heading
  4. The paper must include an introduction, body and conclusion

  *Remember proper grammar (mechanics and usage) count and remember to use transition words!*

• **Boys in the Boat (Young Readers’ Edition)** by Daniel James Brown
  
  This is part of the Social Studies Curriculum.

  There will be a test the first week of school on *Boys in the Boat.*
  
  Please be prepared!