2020 – 2021 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 2020-2021 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
- Byron Barton
- Norman Birdwell
- Jan Brett
- Kathy Caple
- Alyssa Capucilli
- Eric Carle
- Doreen Cronin
- James Dean
- Lois Ehlert
- Kevin Henkes
- Arthur Lobel
- David Martin
- Laura Numeroff
- Jon Sciesca
- Rosemary Wells
- Audrey Wood
- 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)
Here are some suggestions of fun books you will enjoy reading with your child every day. In first grade reading is key. Let’s get a head start!

**Fun Books to Share:**

- *One Fish Two Fish* by Dr. Seuss
- *Narwhal* by Ben Clanton
- *Oh! The Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss
- *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty
- *Iggy Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty
- *Awesome Jokes That Every 6-Year-Old Should Know* by Mat Waugh
- *Silly Milly* (Level 1) by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
- *And I Mean It, Stanley* by Crosby Bonsall
- *Little Kids First Big Book of Why* by Amy Shields
- *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon
- *Dinosaur Time* by Peggy Parish
- *The Eye Book* by Theo LeSieg
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
- *Hi! Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long
- *Morris the Moose* by Bernard Wiseman
- *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *We don’t eat our CLASSMATES* by Ryan T. Higgins

**Learning to Read Series:**

- Elephant & Piggie Series by Mo Willems
- Hello Reader!
- I Can Read Books
- Puffin Easy-to-Read
- Fly Guy Phonics by Tedd Arnold
- Hello Kitty sight words
- Step Into Reading Levels 1–4

**Alphabet Books:**

- *Animalia* by Graeme Baese
- *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Z Was Zapped* by Chris Van Allsburg
Grade 2

Required Reading Selection:

- *Miss Daisy is Crazy* by Dan Gutman
  or
- *Mr. Klutz is Nuts!* 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
Grade 3

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

- Choose any book from the *Who Was/Who Is* series.
  Complete 3rd Grade *Biography Report Worksheet* - 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
**Required Reading Selection:**

**Students will read two 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

For **each** of the two books read, students are required to complete a Doodle page. There are three choices for the Doodle page. Students can do the same Doodle page for both books or choose two different Doodle pages. They are due on the first day of school.

**Suggested Reading:**

The following graphic novels are sure to engage readers:

- *Smile* or anything else by Raina Tegemeier
- Oog and Gluck: Cavemen series by Dev Pikey
- Lunch Lady series by Jarret J. Krosoczka
- CatStronauts series by Drew Brockington
- Narwhal and Jellyfish series by Ben Clanton
- The Bad Guys series by Aaron Blabey
- El Deafo by Cece Bell

Students should read at least 20 minutes a day during summer break in order to hit the ground running in September.
Grade 5

Required Reading Selections (two books must be read):

- Students entering 5th grade are required to read Class Dismissed by Andrew Woodrow. Students are also required to complete a Literature Response Activity to be submitted on the first day of school. A test will be given within the first couple weeks of school.

- Incoming fifth graders are also required to read a biography and complete a Biography Report Form which will be handed in on the first day of school. The “Who Was…?” series is a terrific choice for biography readings, but not the only choice.

For those looking for MORE books to read this summer (and beyond), below is a reference list of suggestions.

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

Dan Gutman                  Gordon Korman
Jerry Spinelli              E.L. Konigsburg
Andrew Clements            Roald Dahl
Matt Christopher           Paula Danzinger
Rick Riordan               J. K. Rowling
Meg Cabot                  Louis Sachar
Mike Lupica                Beverly Cleary
Judy Blume                 Madeleine L’Engle
C.S. Lewis                 Michael Buckley
Ann M. Martin              Kate DiCamillo

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

*Hurricane Force: In the Path of America’s Deadliest Storms*


The author of this book, longtime New York Times reporter Joseph Treaster, was in the New Orleans city hall when Hurricane Katrina hit the city in 2005. He draws on his experiences covering Katrina and its aftermath to provide younger readers with a first-hand look at the deadly storms we call hurricanes. Along with his eyewitness accounts, there is information about what scientists currently know about how and why hurricanes form, how they are tracked, and how they impact coastal areas. Precautions and planning for future storms are also discussed. Dramatic color photos enhance the solid information presented in this book.

**Perfect for:** Kids who like science and nature.

*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*


A prize-winning book that explores the unconventional life of a brash young naturalist. She is a turn-of-the-century Texas girl, but 11-year-old Calpurnia Tate is more interested in becoming a scientist than in knitting or cooking. With the help of her grandfather, an amateur naturalist, and Charles Darwin’s *Origin of Species*, she starts doing fieldwork. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* is the critically acclaimed story of an outsider who has to forge her own way in the world as she discovers her unique identity.

**Perfect for:** Kids who like historical fiction.
Grade 6

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

Students are required to read the following 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* needs to be turned in to your Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.

- *The Golden Goblet* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
  
  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!
Grade 7

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

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

- *Fever* by Laurie Hals Anderson
  
  There will be a multiple-choice test on *Fever* when students return to school in September.

- *Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America* by Gail Jarrow
  
  Students are to complete the *War of the Worlds WebQuest*. It is due the first day of school.

- *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!
Grade 8

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

Students are required to read the following 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!

  A screencast for all incoming 8th graders will be available on Mrs. Brock’s 8th-grade LA News Page. This screencast will provide students with significant plot summary, characterization, and literary elements. It will also build background on the historical context of this powerful read.

- *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.

  The paper must include an introduction, body, and conclusion. A tutorial screencast on how to piece this paper together for all incoming 8th graders will be available on Mrs. Brock’s 8th-grade LA News Page.

- *Boys in the Boat (Must Use the 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!