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2021 Summer Reading List

Kindergarten

Reading to and with your child is vitally important to his/her future success as an independent reader. The following genres offer a variety of summer reading choices:

- Alphabet books
- Rhyming books
- Nursery rhyme books
- Number/counting books
- Fairytales/folktales/fables
- Picture books
- High-frequency word books such as Scholastic's BOB books or "Sight Word Readers"
- Step into Reading books (leveled readers)
- Books by selected authors such as Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Pat Hutchins, Leo Lionni, Mo Willems, and Mem Fox

About three weeks prior to the start of the school year, it is important to read books with a theme of starting school. Please choose three or more books from the following list to read to your child:

- Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell
- Franklin Goes to School by Paulette Bourgeois
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper
- It's Hard to Be Five: Learning How to Work My Control Panel by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! By Nancy Carson
- The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

These books can be found at the Public Library, online, or in our local bookstores.

Enjoy!



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First Grade

Mrs. Straker's First Grade Reading List

Emerging Readers:

Bob Books: First Stories by *Lynn Maslen Kertell*

Any books from the "My first I can Read Books"-

The Biscuit Series

Beginning Readers:

Any books from the Elephant and Piggie Series
by *Mo Willems*

Independent Readers or Read Aloud

Frog and Toad are Friends by *Arnold Lobel*

Any books from the **Mercy Watson series** by *Kate DiCamillo*



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2021 Summer Reading and Craft Activity

Second Grade

* Please have your child read or read to your child 5 squirrel books over the summer.

**Most of these books can be found at Blasco Library.*

**Find your inner squirrel craft..!*

**Google ideas - then draw, paint, sculpt, diorama, or cut & glue a craft that shows a squirrel reading a book.*

1. The Secret Life of Squirrels

(3 book series by Nancy Rose)

2. **Scaredy Squirrel** (series by Melanie Watt) read one or read them all 😊

3. **Earl the Squirrel** (by Don Freeman)

4. **Bird & Squirrel** (chapter book series by Don Burk) for advanced readers or fun read aloud!

5. Complete Squirrel CRAFT and bring on the first day of school.



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Third Grade

Please read - ***A Bear Called Paddington***

And choose one of the following books:

Pinky and Rex Go To Camp by James Howe or ***Alvin Ho, Allergic to Camping, Hiking and other Natural Disasters*** by Lenore Look.

CULTURE KITS:

To learn about another person's culture, you have to be aware of how that person behaves (what he or she does) and what that person believes. All the people of the world have many things in common, including families, schools, governments, a form of religion, and celebration days. What makes up a person's culture is what that person does and what that person believes about his or her family, school, government, religion, and celebration days.

To create a Culture Kit, follow these steps:

1. Choose & read a nonfiction book about a family or person from another culture.
2. Choose six items to put into your Culture Kit box.
3. On the next page, in the numbered space for each item, list the item and explain why it is important in the culture you read about.
4. Be prepared to give a short speech to your classmates about the things in your Culture Kit box. Practice picking each item out of the box and explaining its importance.
5. Decorate the Culture Kit box if you like. (*You may want to color it or decorate it to look like the country's flag.*)

Here are some title suggestions for your Culture Kit:

The Night of Los Posadas by Tomie DePaola

Salsa Stories by Lulu Delacre

These Hands by Hope Lynne Price

The Journal of Ming-Chung by Laurence Yep

Black Hands, White Sails by Patricia and Frederick McKissack

Arctic Son by Jean Craighead George

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez

Celebrate! by Gilda Berger

Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto and Ed Martinez

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovi

Babushka by Patricia Polacco

Babushka's Doll by Patricia Polacco

So Far From the Sea by Eve Bunting

I Am An American by Jerry Stanley

Anne Frank Beyond the Diary Secret Letters

When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest

The Bedouin by Fidelity Lancaster

The Day of Ahmed's Secret by Florence Parry Heide & Judith Heide Gilliland

A Family in South Korea by Gwynneth Ashby

Family Pictures by Carmen Lomas Garza

Rehema's Journey: A Visit in Tanzania by Barbara A. Margolies

Sweden edited by MaryLee Knowlton and Mark J. Sachner



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Fourth Grade

Please pick any 3 from list below and complete summer reading summaries for each book read. Summaries may be typed or written.

Along with the summaries, choose one book that you wish to create a poster, diorama, mobile, puppet, etc... on to share during the first week of school. Books may be read with parent or independently.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick, 2001).

Because of a hysterical encounter with Winn-Dixie, a stray but lovable dog, India Opal's life changes forever. Opal is forced to deal with the absence of her mother and a father who is absorbed in his work. One day she stumbles upon a stray dog in the Winn-Dixie grocery and its love at first sight. Opal adopts the dog and he helps her make friends with people that the town-folks have labeled as strange and different. This is a beautiful story about friendship, forgiveness, and tolerance.

Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka (Puffin, 2004).

This first book in the Time Warp Trio Series is an imaginative and humorous read. The book begins with three boys celebrating a birthday. One of the presents happens to be a book with a card that states, "Be careful what you wish for." Once the book is opened, the boys are transported back to the time of knights, giants and dragons. If you enjoy adventure and fantasy this is a must read!

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (Square Fish, 2008).

The Cricket in Times Square has been initiating bookworms since 1960 and shows no sign of stopping. These days, fantasy-series books rule the bookshelves, yet this quiet tale of friendship endures. Chester Cricket, Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat meet at a newsstand in a New York subway station when a lonely little boy, Mario Bellini, finds the cricket in a pile of trash. He decides to keep Chester as a pet, and a series of adventures follow. Perfect for a quiet read on a long trip this summer.

(4th grade Continued)

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Puffin, 2007). James Henry Trotter leads a happy life until his parents are eaten by an escaped rhinoceros and he is thrust into the world of his nasty aunts, Sponge and Spiker. Then he becomes "the saddest and loneliest boy you could find." When a little man in a dark green suit gives James a bag of magic crystals, the story takes off. James finds an "ancient peach tree that never gave any peaches," but with the magic crystals, it suddenly does! A single peach grows and keeps growing until James can climb inside and roll away from his horrible aunts to a whole new life. James befriends overgrown garden dwellers, Grasshopper, Earthworm, Miss Spider and Centipede. *James and the Giant Peach* is considered by many to be one of the finest children's books ever written.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar, illustrated by Julie Brinckloe (HarperTrophy, 2004). On the 30th floor of the wacky Wayside School is Mrs. Jewl's class. Sharie falls asleep and rolls out the window. Joe counts all wrong and gets the right answer. Calvin is sent to the 19th floor to deliver a note, but there is no 19th floor - the builder forgot it. This nutty world is built on the sort of playful twists of logic that kids love.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg (Simon & Schuster, 1967). Twelve-year-old Claudia and her younger brother Jamie are running away from the tyranny of unappreciative parents and the drudgery of day-to-day living. Claudia has carefully hand-picked the beautiful Metropolitan Museum of Art as their new home. There they quite unexpectedly stumble upon an unknown statue by none other than Michelangelo...or is it? Winner of the 1967 Newbery Award.

4th Grade

~ BOOK REPORT ~

Name: _____

Title of book: _____

Author: _____ Copyright: _____

Date Started: _____ Date Finished: _____

Main Characters: _____

Minor Characters: _____

What was your favorite chapter? Why? _____

Which character did you admire most? Why? _____

Did you like the book? Why or why not? _____



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Fifth Grade

Smile by Rai Telgemeier

When Raina trips and falls, injuring her two front teeth, she's forced to have surgery and wear braces, making sixth grade even wilder than it already is. This graphic novel, based on Telgemeier's life, has everything from boy problems to a major earthquake.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Moving and funny with an edge, Louis Sachar's Newberry Medal-winning novel *Holes* revolves around Stanley Yelnats (his surname is Stanley spelled backwards), who has been sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention center, to dig holes. Soon after picking up the shovel, Stanley begins to suspect that they are doing more than just moving dirt.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

This is historical fiction at its finest. It's the story of Esperanza, a wealthy girl living in Mexico, who must go with her family to the United States during the Great Depression. Esperanza's life gets turned upside down, but she pushes through and learns that pleasant surprises can result from change.

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Jerry Spinelli's classic *Maniac Magee* follows an orphan boy looking for a home in a fictional town in Pennsylvania. For his feats of athleticism and fearlessness and his ignorance to the racial boundaries around him, Jeffrey "Maniac" Magee becomes something of a local legend. This timeless book is essential reading for learning about social identity and finding your place in the world.

(5th grade Continued)

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Jess meets the smart and talented Leslie after she beats him in a race at school. Leslie transforms his world, teaching him how to have courage in the face of adversity. They create a kingdom for themselves, called Terabithia, an imaginary refuge where their adventures take place. In the end, Jess has to overcome heartbreaking tragedy in order to stay strong

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the lamps that light the city are beginning to die out. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. This classic dystopian tale will light up your heart.

Number The Stars by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry does it again! Be prepared to answer lots of questions while reading this classic must-read about Annemarie, a young girl, who helps keep her Jewish friends safe during the Holocaust. The details are so precise, you will feel as if you are right in the middle of the story.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

This adventure tale is also a great example of huge character growth. Brian must try to survive the wilderness after a plane crash, but he has only the clothes on his back, a windbreaker, and the titular hatchet. Brian learns how to fish, how to build a fire, and most importantly, patience.

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Two heartwarming, compelling stories are woven together in this delightful tale. As 13-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle takes a cross country trip with her grandparents, a story of love, loss, and the depth and complexity of human emotion is revealed.



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Middle School

~ Sixth Grade ~

The Light in the Forest – Richter

Adam of the Road - Gray

Call of the Wild – London

~ Seventh Grade ~

The Outsiders – Hinton

The Westing Game – Raskin

Mary, Bloody Mary – Meyer

~ Eighth Grade ~

Flowers for Algernon – Keyes

Fahrenheit 451 – Bradbury

Of Mice and Men - Steinbeck