



## Summer Reading 2017

For years, educators have known that students lose reading skills during the summer if they do not continue reading. They call this loss the “summer slide.”

- K. Alexander, D. Entwisle, and L. Olson’s 2007 longitudinal study of Baltimore students over 15 years found that by the end of fifth grade, students who did not read during the summer measured two years behind their classmates who did. They concluded that 2/3 of the reading difference in ninth graders can be attributed to reading or not during summer school breaks.

To help counteract the “summer slide,” here are the required and recommended readings.

One approach we encourage with your child is read aloud. Here are two entertaining talks about the value of reading aloud with children:

“Why We Should All Be Reading Aloud to Children” by Rebecca Bellingham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBuT2wdYtpM>

Read Aloud Revival #49: “Why We Should All Be Reading Aloud to Children”

<https://amongstlovelythings.com/49-2/>

Many of these books are available as a free e-book and audiobook download from the Gutenberg Project at [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org), as a free audiobook from LibriVox, and as an audiobook on YouTube.

## **Happy Reading!**

*That is what a book does. It introduces us to people and places we wouldn't ordinarily know. A good book is a magic gateway into a wider world of wonder, beauty, delight, and adventure. Books are experiences that make us grow, that add something to our inner stature.*

— Gladys M. Hunt

## Kindergarten

Read aloud is an important experience for children. Students should have some of the following or similar books read to them:

<i>The Complete Tales</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes</i>	Robert Frederick
<i>The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	A.A. Milne
<i>The Cat in the Hat</i> Beginner Reader Books	Dr. Seuss

## First Grade

Students need to read or have read to them at least ten books. Please bring a favorite book to class the first two weeks of school. Here are some great suggested titles; many are available at the library.

Any of the <i>Tales</i> of Beatrix Potter such as <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>Tomie De Paola's Mother Goose</i>	Watty Piper
<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Tomie De Paola
<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>	Dr. Seuss
<i>Frog and Toad</i>	Munro Leaf
<i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Curious George</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	H. A. Rey
<i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i>	William Steig
<i>The Biggest Bear</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>The Ugly Duckling</i>	Lynn Ward
<i>The Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i>	Hans Christian Anderson
<i>Anno's Counting Book</i>	Jack Prelutsky (selector)
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Mitsumasa Anno
<i>Pecos Bill</i>	Virginia Lee Burton
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	Ariane Dewy
<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>The Napping House</i>	Eric Carle
<i>Watch Out For Chicken Feet in Your Soup</i>	Audrey Wood
<i>The Great Big Enormous Turnip</i>	Tomie De Paola
<i>Mercy Watson</i> series	Helen Oxenburg
<i>Henry and Mudge</i> series	Kate Di'Camillo
<i>Lily's Purple Plastic Purse</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>Penny and Her Song</i>	Kevin Henkes
<i>Nate the Great</i>	Kevin Henkes
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> and others in this series	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
<i>Madeline</i> (series)	Laura Numeroff
<i>Arthur's Loose Tooth</i>	Ludwig Bemelmans
<i>Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth</i>	Marc Brown
<i>Corduroy</i>	Lucy Bate
<i>Pascual and the Kitchen Angels</i>	Don Freeman
<i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i>	Tomie dePaola
	Phillip Stead

*Little Bear Series*  
*Mouse Tales*  
*Last Stop on Market Street*

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Arnold Lobel  
Matt de la Pena

## **Second Grade**

### **Required:**

Pick two of the following books and read by yourself or read aloud with a parent/guardian:

*American Tall Tales*  
*Aesop's Fables*  
*Cam Jansen Mysteries* (any book in series)  
*Frog and Toad* books (your choice)  
*A Child's Garden of Verses*

Mary Pope Osborne  
Aesop  
David A. Adler  
Arnold Lobel  
Robert Louis Stevenson

### **Recommended:**

*Vacation under the Volcano*  
*The Great Kapok Tree*

Mary Pope Osborne  
Lynne Cherry

## **Third Grade**

### **Required:**

*Little House in the Big Woods*  
ISBN #: 978-0060581800

Laura Ingalls Wilder

### **Recommended:**

*The Railway Children*  
*Cam Jansen Mysteries* (any book in series)  
*All-of-a-Kind Family*  
*The Boxcar Children*

E. Nesbit  
David A. Adler  
Sydney Taylor  
Gertrude Warner

## **Fourth Grade**

### **Required:**

*Prince Caspian*  
ISBN #: 978-0064471053

C.S. Lewis

### **Recommended:**

*Five Children and It*  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*  
*By the Shores of Silver Lake*  
*Mary Poppins*  
*Farmer Boy*  
*The Princess and the Goblin*  
*The Jungle Book*

E. Nesbit  
Lewis Carroll  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
P.L. Travers  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
George MacDonald  
Rudyard Kipling

## **Fifth Grade**

### **Required:**

*The Silver Chair*

ISBN #: 978-0064471091

C.S. Lewis

### **Recommended:**

*The One and Only Ivan*

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

*Farmer Boy*

*The Princess and the Goblin*

*Tuck Everlasting*

*A Wrinkle in Time*

*The Jungle Book*

*Heidi*

*Swiss Family Robinson*

Katherine Applegate

Wilson Rawls

Laura Ingalls Wilder

George MacDonald

Natalie Babbit

Madeleine L'Engle

Rudyard Kipling

Johanna Spyri

Johann Wyss

## **Sixth Grade**

### **Required**

*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*

ISBN #: 978-0618250745

Jean Lee Latham

### **Recommended:**

*Herodotus and the Road to History*

*Archimedes and the Door to Science*

*My Side of the Mountain*

*The Indian in the Cupboard*

*The Secret Garden*

*Robin Hood*

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*The Wizard of Oz*

*The Jungle Book*

*Heidi*

*Swiss Family Robinson*

*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*

Jeanne Bendic

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Jean Craighead George

Lynne Reid Banks

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Howard Pyle

Roger Lancelyn Green

L. Frank Baum

Rudyard Kipling

Johanna Spyri

Johann Wyss

Roger Lancelyn Green

## **Seventh Grade**

### **Required:**

*The Cay*

ISBN #: 978-0440229124

Theodore Taylor

### **Recommended:**

*Journey to the Center of the Earth*

*The Call of the Wild*

*Captains Courageous*

*The Westing Game*

*The Lions of Little Rock*

*Fever 1793*

Jules Verne

Jack London

Rudyard Kipling

Ellen Raskin

Kristin Levine

Laurie Halse Anderson

*The Book Thief*  
*Walk Two Moons*  
*Treasure Island*  
*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*

Markus Zusack  
Sharon Creech  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Jean Lee Latham

Recommended for Science:

*Jurassic Park*  
*The World in Your Lunchbox: The wacky history and  
weird science of every day foods*  
*Fever 1793*  
*The Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way*  
*The Story of Science: Newton at the Center*

Michael Crichton  
Claire Eamer

Laurie Halse Anderson  
Joy Hakim  
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### **Eighth Grade**

#### **Required:**

*The Devil's Arithmetic*  
ISBN #: 978-0590965781

Jane Yolen

Choose one other book from the list below:

*The View from Saturday*  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles*  
*The Red Pony*  
*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
*Mockingbird*  
*Freak the Mighty*  
*Okay for Now*  
*Moon Over Manifest*  
*Escape Under the Forever Sky*  
*Counting by 7s*  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
*The False Prince*  
*Listening for Lions*  
*The Lions of Little Rock*  
*The Thief*  
*Out of My Mind*  
*The Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic*  
*Mockingbird*  
*Echo*  
*Fish in a Tree*  
*One for the Murphys*  
*Walk Two Moons*  
*Fever 1793*  
*Irena's Children (Young Readers)*  
*Tuesdays at the Castle*  
*The Golden Princess and the Moon*

E.L. Konigsburg  
Arthur Conan Doyle  
John Steinbeck  
Jules Verne  
Katherine Erskine  
Rodman Philbrick  
Gary Schmidt  
Clare Vanderpool  
Eve Yohalem  
Holly Sloan  
Mark Twain  
Jennifer Nielsen  
Gloria Whelan  
Kristen Levine  
Megan Whalen Turner  
Sharon Draper  
Jennifer Trafton  
Kathryn Erskine  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
Lynda Mulally Hunt  
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Sharon Creech  
Laurie Halse Anderson  
Mary Cronk Farrell  
Jessica Day George  
Anna Maria Mendell

Recommended for Science:

*The Children's Blizzard*

*Isaac's Storm*

*Longitude*

*Gone at 3:17: The untold story of the worst school disaster  
in American History*

*The Golden Ratio: The story of PHI*

*The Story of Science: Einstein Adds a New Dimension*

David Laskin

Eric Larson

Dava Sobel

David M. Brown and

Michael Wereschagin

Mario Livio

Joy Hakim