

SEAS Summer Reading

Our summer reading program has two main purposes. First, our summer reading program aims to benefit students by preventing the “summer slide” in literacy, so that students can have a happy and successful start to school next year. Second, our summer reading program aims to promote a love for reading books that are both wholesome and enjoyable. To that end, we have carefully curated this list to include many options, topics, and reading levels. If your child starts a book that is too difficult or unenjoyable, please feel free to let him pick a different option.

For children entering **pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade**, the school recommends that the parents read aloud **daily** from at least one book that you both enjoy, such as:

[*The Story of the Bible*, TAN / Pelicano](#)

[*The Little Engine That Could*, Piper](#)

[*The Little House*, Burton](#)

[*Psalm 23*, Watson](#)

[*Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, Kipling/Davis](#)

[*Ink Garden of Brother Theophane*, Millen](#)

[*Angel in the Waters*, Doman](#)

[*The Weight of a Mass*, Nobisso](#)

[*Miss Rumphius*, Cooney](#)

[*Brigid's Cloak*, Milligan](#)

[*Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales*, Potter](#)

[*The Tale of Three Trees*, Hunt](#)

[*Rumpelstiltskin*, Zelinsky](#)

[*The Giving Tree*, Silverstein](#)

[*Make Way for Ducklings*, McCloskey](#)

[*The Story about Ping*, Flack & Wiese](#)

[*Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables*, Daily](#)

[*The Big Snow*, Hader](#)

[*Saint George and the Dragon*, Hodges](#)

[*Katy and the Big Snow*, Burton](#)

[*Treasury of Hans Christian Andersen's*](#)

[*Fairy Tales*, Archipova](#)

[*Br. Francis and the Friendly Beasts*, Hodges](#)

[*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, Gag](#)

[*The Selfish Giant*, Wilde](#)

[*The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, Brown](#)

[*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, Galdone](#)

[*The Ugly Duckling*, Pinkney](#)

[*Dr. Seuss's ABC*, Seuss](#)

[*Noah's Ark*, Pinkney](#)

[*Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose*, Seuss](#)

[*Horton Hears a Who!*, Seuss](#)

[*Roxaboxen*, McLerran](#)

[*Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, Seuss](#)

[*The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, Giles](#)

[*Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel*, Burton](#)

[*One Morning in Maine*, McCloskey](#)

[*King Midas and the Golden Touch*, Craft](#)

[*George Washington*, d'Aulaire](#)

[*Abraham Lincoln*, d'Aulaire](#)

[*The Boy Who Held Back The Sea*, Locker](#)

[*Adventures of Pinocchio*, Collodi \(Sterling\)](#)

[*A Favourite Collection of Grimm's Fairy*](#)

[*Tales*, Archipova](#)

For children entering **second- through eighth-grade**, the school recommends **daily** reading of at least 15-30 minutes from a wholesome book the child enjoys. At a minimum, students must read at least two books from the options below, but most students should far surpass that mark. Rising third- through eighth-graders also have a brief writing assignment, included below.

Summer Reading Options	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
<i>Frog and Toad</i> series, Lobel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Little Bear</i> books, Minarik and Sendak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Billy and Blaze</i> series, Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Little Tim</i> series, Ardizzone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Mouse Soup</i> , Lobel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Greek Myths</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Amelia Bedelia</i> series, Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Going West</i> , Leeuwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>The Biggest Bear</i> , Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>St. George and the Dragon</i> , Hodges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>The Hundred Dresses</i> , Estes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i> , Kipling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Magic Tree House</i> series, Osborne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Homer Price</i> , McCloskey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Peter Pan</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Roman Myths</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>The Wind in the Willows</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Black Beauty</i> (Classic Starts version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> , MacLachlan		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> series		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>The Story of King Arthur and His Knights</i> (Classic Starts version)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> (Classic Starts version)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> (Classic Starts version)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Pinocchio</i> (Classic Starts version)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>The Boxcar Children</i> , Warner		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Number the Stars</i> , Lowry		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> , Rawls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> series			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Treasure Island</i> (Classic Starts or original)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Little Women</i> (Classic Starts or original)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i> (Classic Starts version)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Heidi</i> , Spyri (Classic Starts or original)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>The Three Musketeers</i> (Classic Starts version)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i> (Classic Starts version)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>The Jungle Book</i> (Classic Starts or original)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i> (Classic Starts or original)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i> , Latham			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Old Yeller</i> , Fred Gibson			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Aesop's Illustrated Fables</i> (978-1435144835)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> series (Classic Starts or original)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>The Iliad</i> (Classic Starts version)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>The Odyssey</i> (Classic Starts version)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>The Princess and The Goblin</i> , MacDonald				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tales from the Odyssey</i> , Osborne				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>In Search of a Homeland: The Story of The Aeneid</i> , Lively				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pollyanna</i> (Classic Starts version)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Emma</i> , Austen				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> (Classic Starts or original)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> (Classic Starts or original)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> (Classic Starts or original)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i> , Gilbreth/Carey				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>The Children's Plutarch: Tales of the Greeks</i> , Gould					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Children's Plutarch: Tales of the Romans</i> , Gould					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , Austen					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ragged Dick</i> , Alger					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales</i> (Puffin Classics version)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> , Originals (978-1909115835)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> (Classic Starts or original)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jane Eyre</i> , Bronte					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i> (Classic Starts or original)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> (Classic Starts or original)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Oliver Twist</i> (Classic Starts or original)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Dracula</i> (Classic Starts version)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Plutarch's Lives for Boys and Girls</i> , Weston						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> (Classic Starts or original)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> (Classic Starts or original)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Lord of the Rings</i> trilogy, Tolkien						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> , Dickens						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> , Austen						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Mr. Midshipman Hornblower</i> , Forester						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> , Doyle						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Great Expectations</i> (Classic Starts or original)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Hunchback of Notre-Dame</i> (Classic Starts version)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> (Classic Starts or original)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Frankenstein</i> (Classic Starts or original)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Moby-Dick</i> (Classic Starts version)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Summer Reading Assignment for Students Entering Grades 3-8

*Using your best handwriting, please complete this sheet for **one** of your assigned summer reading books. Please use complete sentences. This assignment will be collected on the first day of school for a homework grade.*

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

1. Please summarize the story briefly.

2. What is the most beautiful thing that happened in this book?

3. Which character in the book is most worthy of emulation, and why?
