



K-8 Recommended Summer Reading

Our recommended summer reading list contains high-quality reading material that will prepare your child for the coming school year. We recommend that parents pre-read texts to determine what they feel is appropriate for their child's development – and what they will enjoy!

There is no required assignment for students rising into grades K-6 for the 2023-2024 school year. **Students entering grades 7-12 must complete a required summer reading assignment.**

All lists below are prepared for students rising to each grade.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

- *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes* - Robert Frederick Publishers
- *The Random House of Mother Goose*, Arnold Lobel
- *The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables*, Don Daily
- *Curious George* books, H. A. Rey
- Books by Dr. Seuss such as:
 - *The Cat in the Hat*
 - *Fox in Socks*
 - *Green Eggs and Ham*
 - *Horton Hears a Who*
 - *If I Ran the Zoo*
- Books by Beatrix Potter such as:
 - *Peter Rabbit*
 - *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*
 - *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*
 - *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- Fairy tales such as:
 - *Goldilocks*
 - *The Three Little Pigs*
 - *The Ugly Duckling*
 - *The Velveteen Rabbit*

2nd Grade

- *Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales*, Beatrix Potter
- *The Biggest Bear*, Lynd Kendall Ward
- *The Blue Fairy Book*, Andrew Lang
- *The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables*, Don Daily

- *The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh*, A.A. Milne
- *George and Martha* series, James Marshall
- *The House at Pooh Corner*, A.A. Milne
- *James and the Giant Peach*, Roald Dahl
- *Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling
- *The Magic School Bus* (specifically books about weather, magnets, tools, the body, insects, animals, and plants), Various Authors
- *The Magic Tree House* series, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Pinocchio*, Carlo Collodi
- *Treasury of Grimm's Fairy Tales*, The Brothers Grimm
- *Treasury of Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales*, Hans Christian Andersen

3rd Grade

- *American Tall Tales*, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White
- *The Cricket in Times Square*, George Selden
- *Dealing with Dragons*, Patricia C. Wrede
- *Falling Up*, Shel Silverstein
- *Little House on the Prairie*, Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Magic Tree House* series, Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Matilda*, Roald Dahl
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Richard Atwater
- *Peter Pan*, J.M. Barrie
- *Phantom Tollbooth*, Norton Juster
- *The Pushcart War*, Jean Merrill
- *Ramona Quimby* series, Beverly Cleary
- *Stuart Little*, E.B. White

4th Grade

- *Aladdin and Other Arabian Nights Stories*, Philip Smith
- *Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Roald Dahl
- *Dangerous Journey*, Oliver Hunkin
- *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*, Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths*, Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, E.L. Konigsburg
- *Guns for General Washington*, Seymour Reit
- *The Jungle Book*, Rudyard Kipling
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, Robert C O'Brien
- *Poppy*, Avi
- *The Reluctant Dragon*, Kenneth Grahame
- *Swiss Family Robinson*, Johann Wyss

- *Twenty-One Balloons*, William Pene DuBois
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein

5th Grade

- *Anne of Green Gables* Series, Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *Boy's King Arthur* by Sidney Lanier
- *Cheaper By the Dozen*, Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
- *Dancing Shoes*, Noel Streatfeild
- *Heidi*, Johanna Spyri
- *King Arthur and His Knights*, Maude Radforde Warren
- *The Magic City*, Edith Nesbit
- *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry
- *The Princess and the Goblin*, George MacDonald
- *The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood
- *Stories of Robin Hood Told to the Children*, H.E. Marshall
- *The Sword in the Tree*, Clyde Robert Bulla
- *Treasure Island: A Young Reader's Edition of The Classic Adventure*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle

6th Grade

- **Required:** *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, C.S. Lewis
- *Don Quixote* (Core Classics Series edition, abridged)
- *The Eagle of the Ninth*, Rosemary Sutcliff
- *The Giver*, Lois Lowry
- *The Golden Fleece*, Padraic Colum
- *Half Magic*, Edward Eager
- *Little Women* (Core Classics Series edition, abridge)
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, Eleanor Coerr
- *The Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Secret of Platform Thirteen*, Eva Ibbotson
- *The Sign of the Beaver*, Elizabeth George Speare
- *Sounder*, William Armstrong
- *Tales from Shakespeare*, Charles and Mary Lamb
- *Up From Slavery* (Dover Thrift Edition), Booker T. Washington
- *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, Elizabeth George Speare
- Books from the *Redwall* series, Brian Jacques

7th Grade

- **Required:** *The Hobbit* (75th Anniversary Edition; ISBN 978-0547928227), J.R.R. Tolkien

- *Archimedes and the Door of Science*, Jeanne Bendic
- *Augustus Caesar's World*, Genevieve Foster
- *Herodotus and the Road to History*, Jeanne Bendic
- *The Story of the World, Vol. 1*, Susan Wise Bauer
- *The Story of the World, Vol. 3*, Susan Wise Bauer
- *Tanglewood Tales*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, Jules Verne

8th Grade

- **Required:** *Shane* (ISBN: 978-0544239470), Jack Schaefer
- *The Ballad of the White Horse*, G.K. Chesterton
- *Captains Courageous*, Rudyard Kipling
- *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, Mark Twain
- *Gods and Heroes*, Edith Hamilton
- *The Invisible Man*, H.G. Wells
- *Land of Hope*, Young Readers' Edition, Wilfred McClay
- *The Story of the World* series, Susan Wise Bauer
- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis