



Summer Reading Assignments

To help students think about these books/stories, here is a list of productive questions for every grade:

1. Who are the important characters?
2. What is the story's setting? In what place and time period does the story occur?
3. What are the major events of the story, and in what order do they occur?
4. What conflicts arise, and how are they resolved? Do any remain unresolved?

Incoming Kindergarteners

The most important thing you can do to help your incoming Kindergarteners is to read to and with them. Devote some time every day to reading aloud with your child, and help your child think about the book by asking thoughtful questions as you go. For instance, why do you think a character does what she does? What do you think they are thinking about when they do something interesting or notable? If your child is especially interested in a particular character or passage, ask him or her to repeat part of the story to the rest of your family. Visit the library and explore new subjects.

Suggested Books:

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

Dr. Seuss

Books that rhyme. Here is a link for suggestions

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/the-ultimate-list-of-books-that-rhyme/>



Incoming/Rising First Graders

Students in the First Grade benefit greatly from reading aloud with parents. At this age, listening to a parent read will expand their vocabulary and broaden their interests. Help your child think about the book by asking thoughtful questions as you go. For instance, why do you think a character does what she does? What do you think they are thinking about when they do something interesting or notable? If your child is especially interested in a particular character or passage, ask him or her to repeat part of the story to the rest of your family. Visit the library and explore new subjects.

Suggested Books:

The Cat in the Hat - Dr. Seuss

Aesop's Fables, for example:

- *The Tortoise and the Hare*
- *The Lion and the Mouse*
- *The Ant and the Grasshopper*

Curious George books - H. A. Rey

Beatrix Potter books such as:

- *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*
- *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
- *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck*

Fairy tales such as:

- *The Three Little Pigs*
- *Goldilocks*
- *The Velveteen Rabbit*
- *The Ugly Duckling*

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Incoming/Rising Second Graders

Students in Second Grade should read aloud with parents; and, if they can, take turns reading. Help your child think about the book by asking thoughtful questions as you go. For instance, why do you think a character does what she does? What do you think they are thinking about when they do something interesting or notable? If your child is especially interested in a particular character or passage, ask him or her to repeat part of the story to the rest of your family. Visit the library and explore new subjects.

Suggested Books:

Aesop's Fables such as:

- *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*
- *The Dog in the Manger*
- *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing*
- *The Maid and the Milk Pail*
- *The Fox and the Grapes*

Stories by Hans Christian Anderson (Parents should read these ahead of time to make a good selection, since there are some more adult scenes.)

Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling

George and Martha series - James Marshall

The Biggest Bear - Lynd Kendall Ward

The Magic School Bus specifically books about weather, magnets, tools, the body, insects, animals, and plants.

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Incoming/Rising Third Graders

Beginning in Third Grade, students are assigned one or two particular books as part of their summer reading.

Required Books:

Little House on the Prairie (ISBN: 978-0064400022)

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Incoming/Rising Fourth Graders

Required Books:

Guns for General Washington (ISBN: 978-0152164355)

The Reluctant Dragon - Kenneth Grahame

Suggested Books:

The Sword in the Tree - Clyde Robert Bulla

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH - Robert C O'Brien

Mandy - Julie Andrews

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E.L Konigsburg

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Incoming/Rising Fifth Graders

Required Books:

*Finish **Anne of Green Gables** that we were unable to finish together during fourth grade.*

***The Shakespeare Stealer** (ISBN: 978-0141305950)*

Suggested Books:

***Number the Stars** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), by Lois Lowry*

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Incoming/Rising Sixth Graders

Required Books:

The Golden Fleece (ISBN: 978-0689868849)

*Don Quixote** (ISBN: 978-1-890517-10-6) (Abridged)

Don Quixote (unabridged, for students desiring a challenge)

*Little Women** (ISBN 978-1-933486-01-7) (Abridged)

*Read *The Golden Fleece* and either *Don Quixote* **OR** *Little Women*

Suggested Books:

Herodotus and the Road to History - Jeanne Bendic

Archimedes and the Door of Science - Jeanne Bendic

Augustus Caesar's World - Genevieve Foster

Up From Slavery (Dover Thrift Edition) - Booker T. Washington

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