



SUMMER MATTERS

There is GREAT Value in Reading 5 or More Books During the Summer!

Numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents “summer reading loss.” Did you know that summer reading loss is cumulative? Children don’t “catch up” in fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills. By the end of 6th grade, children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind their classmates. Yikes! That’s pretty significant!

Reading 5 books over the summer can have a huge impact on not only retaining but also enhancing your child’s reading skills. According to Harvard professor Jimmy Kim, “... summer book reading was positively related to fall reading achievement....”

Parents, make reading a part of your summer adventures too! Families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. Read aloud with your child. Ask questions. Visit the library. Enthusiastically engage your child in conversations and increase their comprehension. Evidence tells us that a parent’s beliefs and attitudes about reading and the opportunities provided their children to engage in books greatly influences their child’s beliefs and attitudes.

Everyone knows that reading comprehension is crucial in every child’s education. Free, voluntary reading is essential to helping students become better readers, writers, and spellers.

FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS & REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES K-5

Recommended Summer Reading Kindergarten

Parents play a critical role in helping their children develop not only the ability to read, but also an enjoyment of reading. Raise an enthusiastic reader by making story time a regular part of your daily routine. Below is a listing of books that are popular with boys and girls who are entering kindergarten.

Remember to also read a favorite ABC book of choice at least 3-4 times a week, reviewing the sounds of the letters as you read.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Corduroy, Goodnight, Moon, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Bears, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Bread and Jam for Frances, Ira Sleeps Over, Swimmy, The Velveteen Rabbit, Hop on Pop, Go Dog Go

Recommended Summer Reading First Grade

A daily story time would greatly benefit your child. When planning summer activities, remember to leave some time in your child's schedule for reading. Some convenient times may be before bedtime or over breakfast. Below is a listing of books that are popular with boys and girls who are entering the 1st grade.

Title	Author
Biscuit	Alyssa Capucilli
Go Away Dog	Joan M. Lexau
Ten Apples Up On Top	Theo Lesieg
D.W. All Wet	Marc Brown
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus Me Too!	Mo Willems
Clifford's Puppy Days	Mercer Mayer
Clifford's First Day of School	Norman Bridwell
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You	Clifton Taulbert
Puppy Mudge Series	MaryAnn Hoberman
Are You My Mother	Cynthia Rylant
Little Bear Series	P.D. Eastman
Mercer Mayer Books	Mercer Mayer
Froggy Gets Dressed	
"Step Into Reading" Levels K or 1	Fiction or Nonfiction
"Hello Reader" series (Level 2)	Fiction or Nonfiction
"I Can Read" series (Level 1 & 2)	
"Noodles" series	Hans Wilhelm
What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?	Jenkins & Page
Actual Size	Steve Jenkins
"I Spy" Books	Eric Carle Books (ex. Are You My Friend)
Nate the Great Series	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Frog and Toad Series	Arnold Lobel
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina
Franklin Rides a Bike	Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark

Going into Second Grade Required Summer Reading: "Flat Stanley"

Find time to read every day. Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader. Below is a listing of recommended books that are popular with boys and girls who are entering the 2nd grade.

Title	Author
Magic Treehouse Series	Osborne
Diary of a Worm	Cronin
Amelia Bedelia Series	

Junie B. Jones Series	Park
Henry & Mudge Series	Rylant
Fluffy Series	
Harry The Dirty Dog Series	Zion
Little Bear Series	
Young Cam Jansen Series	
See You in Second Grade	Cohen
Triplet Trouble Series	
The Best Seat in Second Grade	Kenah
Make Way For Ducklings	McCloskey
Pinky & Rex Series	
Fox and His Friends	Marshall
George and Martha Series	Marshall
Second Grade Friends	Cohen
Golly Sisters Series	Byars
Arthur Series	Brown
Horrible Harry Series	Kline
Scooby Doo Series	Various authors
Little Ark Series	Baglio
Mercy Watson Series	DiCamillo
Get Ready for Second Grade Amber Brown	Danziger
Hooway for Wodney Wat	Lester
Poppleton in Winter	Rylant
"I Can Read" Non Fiction Books	Level 2 or 3
"Step Into Reading" Series	Level 2 or 3
The Littles	Peterson
The Cul de sac Kids	Christian series

Going into Third Grade Required Summer Reading: "My Father's Dragon" by Ruth Stiles Gannett and one additional book from the recommended list below. Find time to read at least 3 additional books of choice.

Summer provides lots of time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own. You may even want to make bedtime a little bit later if you find that your child can't put down a book. This recommended summer reading list is designed to give the "to be" 3rd grader lots of good reading for summer enjoyment.

Title	Author
Miss Nelson Series	Allard
Young Cam Jansen	Adler
Cam Jansen Series	Adler
Berenstain Bears Chapter Books	
Flat Stanley Series	Brown
Arthur Series	Brown
Magic School Bus Chapter Books	
Adventures of Bailey School Kids	Dadey
Nancy Drew Notebooks	Keene
Marvin Redpost Series	Sachar
Nate the Great Series	
Lighthouse Family Series	Rylant
Black Lagoon Adventure Series	Thaler
A to Z Mysteries Series	Roy
Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series	Preller
The Spy on Third Base	Christopher
Soccer Cats	Christopher
Encyclopedia Brown Series	Sobol

Ready, Freddy Series
Third Grade Detectives Series
A Bad Case of Stripes
How To Eat Fried Worms
The Best School Year Ever
Judy Moody Series
Stink Series
Puppy Patrol Series
The Cul de sac Kids
Geronimo Stilton Series

Klein
Stanley
David Shannon
Rockwell
Robinson
McDonald
McDonald

Christian series

Going into Fourth Grade Required Summer Reading: "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo and one additional book of choice from the list below. Make time to read at least 3 additional books of choice.

Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids' favorite reading series along on long road trips. This recommended list is designed to give the "to be" 4th grader lots of good reading for summer enjoyment.

Title	Author
Penny from Heaven	Holm
Socks	Cleary
Lawn Boy	Paulsen
Summer Of The Swans	Byars
Danger of Panther Peak	Wallace
The Princess School	Mason & Stephens
On My Honor	Bauer
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket
Totally Disgusting	Wallace
Runaway Ralph	Cleary
Henry Huggins	Cleary
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Cleary
Ellen Tebbits	Cleary
Ribsy	Cleary
Encyclopedia Brown Series	Sobol
Courage of Sarah Noble	Dalgliesh
Ronald Dahl books	Dahl
Sign of the Beaver	Spears
Aesops Fables	
The Indian in the Cupboard	Banks
Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog Series	Erikson
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Sachar
Stuart Little	White
The Cricket in Time Square	Selden
Jumanji	Allsburg
Shiloh	Naylor
Math Curse	Scieszka
Bunnacula	Howe
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Kinney
Nancy Drew Series	Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys Series	Dixon
No Talking	Clements
Lunch Money	Clements
The School Story	Clements
Friends: Making Them and Keeping Them	Criswell
The Best of Times	Taney

Animal Ark Series
Pippi Longstocking Series
American Girl Books

Lindgren

Going into Fifth Grade Required Summer Reading:

"Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell and one additional book of choice from the list below. Find time to read at least 3 additional books of choice.

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days. This recommended list is designed to give the "to be" 5th grader lots of good reading for summer enjoyment.

Title

Frindle
Bud, Not Buddy
A Long Way From Chicago
The Teacher's Funeral
Bloomability
Ruby Holler
The Great Brain
Sammy Keyes/Art of Deception
Sammy Keyes/Psycho Kitty Queen
Midnight for Charlie Bone
Charlie and the Invisible Boy
A Wrinkle in Time
Milkweed
Out of the Dust
Aleutian Sparrow
Deathwatch
A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor
A Boy No More
Book of Ember Series
Artemis Fowl Series
Eragon Series
Alex Rider Series
Shadow Children Series
Warriors Series
Matt Christopher's Series (sports theme)
Rules
Shiloh
Don Quixote
Sherlock Holmes
Gulliver's Travels
Kavik: The Wolf Dog
Sing Down the Moon
Old Yeller
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

Author

Andrew Clements
Christopher Curtis
Richard Peck
Richard Peck
Sharon Creech
Sharon Creech
John D. Fitzgerald
Wendelin Van Draanen
Wendelin Van Draanen
Jenny Nimmo
Jenny Nimmo
Madeleine L'Engle
Jerry Spinelli
Karen Hesse
Karen Hesse
Robb White
Harry Mazer
Harry Mazer

Erin Hunter

Cynthia Lord
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Miguel de Cervantes, abridged by Core Knowledge
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, abridged by Core Knowledge
Jonathan Swift, abridged by Core Knowledge
Walt Morey
Scott O'Dell
Fred Gibson
Robert O'Brien