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Reading List for Rising Primary Scholars

Primary Curriculum includes many themes such as “All About Me”, “Families”, “Transportation”, and “Shapes, Colors, Animals, and Insects” (just to name a few!). Reading with your child helps increase their vocabulary, attention span and communication skills, strengthens their social and emotional development, and creates a love for reading. Our recommended reading list includes a few of our classroom favorites from last year.

Tomie dePaola’s Mother Goose

The Grouchy Ladybug Eric Carle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle

How do dinosaurs go to school? Jane Yolen

If you Give a Mouse a Cookie Laura Numeroff

The Pout Pout Fish Deborah Diesin

The Napping House Audrey Wood

Glad Monster, Sad Monster Ed Emberley and Anne Miranda

Favorite Authors

Eric Carle

Bill Martin, Jr.

Anna Dewdney

Lois Ehlert

Todd Parr



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Reading List for Rising Pre-Kindergarteners

Our curriculum includes nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and Bible stories. The first three books will help prepare your scholars for instruction, and the fourth will help them learn appropriate times to talk and listen.

Required Summer Reading for Rising Pre-K Scholars:

Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose
The Random House Book of Fairy Tales
The Jesus Storybook Bible Sally Lloyd-Jones
My Mouth is a Volcano Julia Cook
How Full is Your Bucket? for Kids Tom Rath

More important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read. Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and school success. Besides, it is just a sweet time for both the child and the adult! Here are some suggestions, but let your son or daughter's interests and enjoyment be your guide. Please include nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction and non-fiction genres in your library.

Favorite Authors:

Eric Carle
Bill Martin, Jr.
Eileen Christelow
Tomie dePaola
Doreen Cronin
Jan Brett
Jane Yolen
Paulette Bourgeois (Franklin the turtle)
Kevin Henkes
Dr. Seuss
Leo Lionni
Gail Gibbons

Reading List for Rising JrK

Grumpy Monkey Suzanne Lang

Me First Helen Lester

Bugs A to Z Caroline Lawton

Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First Alethea Kontis

My First Book of Planets: All About the Solar System for Kids Bruce Betts PhD

Please, Please the Bees Gerald Kelley

Ten Black Dots Donald Crews

Counting Creatures Julia Donaldson

Owl Moon Jane Yolen

If I Built a Car Chris Van Dusen

Additional books to broaden horizons, which are a series:

Elephant & Piggie Mo Willems

Click, Clack, Moo Doreen Cronin

Froggy Gets Dressed Jonathan London

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie Laura Numeroff

Clifford Norman Bridwell

Bats at the Beach Brian Lies

Magic Tree House Mary Pope Osborne

Frog and Toad Arnold Lobel

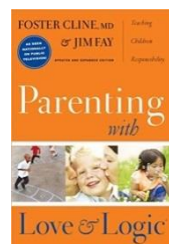
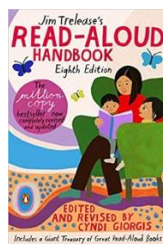
Mom & Dad, here are suggestions for you:

Jim Trelease's Read Aloud Handbook: Eighth Edition

Your Five-Year-Old: Sunny and Serene Louise Bates Ames, PhD

Parenting with Love & Logic Foster Cline, MD & Jim Fay

“Read aloud to them. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension. You must hear a word before you can say it or read and write it. There’s a kind of “word reservoir” in a child’s brain and one of the jobs of a parent is to pour so many words into it that it overflows into speech and then reading and writing.” Jim Trelease





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Reading List for Rising Kindergarten

Your Child is about to embark on an exciting year! Kindergarten is a year of fun and challenge. To help you get ready we are giving you some recommended reading and activities for the summer.

Books should be read for both enjoyment and practice without frustration. If your child is already a beginning reader, you can select books on their level. It is just as, if not more important to read TO your child. Hearing you read fosters a love for reading, develops comprehension, and helps them recognize the need for reading with expression.

Required Books:

Welcome to Kindergarten Anne Rockwell
Reading Makes You Feel Good Todd Par
Flashlight Night Matt Forrest Esenwine
Bringing in the Rain to Kapiti Plain Verna Aardema
Froodle Antoinette Portis
Take a Hike Miles and Spike Ethan Long and Travis Foster
Fredrick Leo Lionni
One Day in the Eucalyptus Eucalyptus Tree Daniel Bernstrom
Any Book Dr. Seuss

You should be able to find these at Barnes and Noble or by Amazon. Please also check your library.

Activities that engage your child in math and critical thinking skills are fun, too! Try some of these, especially as August arrives:

1. Collect, sort, and count items. Buttons, bread ties, rocks, shells, stamps-anything! Count by ones, fives and tens. Sort by color, shape and size.
2. Take walks and find opportunities to observe things like shadows, bugs, flowers, puddles. Ask questions like “what makes a shadow?” or “why are there cracks in the sidewalk?” Skip, hop and take giant steps, then talk about the difference.
3. Label things around the house with sticky notes.
4. Let them help you measure when you cook.
5. Play board games and work puzzles.
6. Let them pay with cash at the store and count the change together.
7. Draw, cut and glue.
8. Practice zipping, snapping and packing anything.
9. MOST IMPORTANT: eat lots of ice cream, swim, and play!

Have a Wonderful Summer!!!!



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Summer Reading List for Rising First Graders

Welcome to First Grade! The coming year will be full of exciting challenges and happy successes! The following is a list of required and suggested summer reading titles; however, more important than WHAT you read is THE TIME you read together! Research consistently proves that reading 20 minutes a day increases your child's vocabulary, attention span, love of reading, and future school success! To help your Kinder scholar practice reading skills over the summer and feel "First Grade" ready, plan a regular reading time together.

Please read:

The Giving Tree Shel Silverstein
Henry Hodges Needs a Friend Andy Andrews
Only God Can Make a Kitten Rhonda Greene
Green Eggs and Ham Dr. Seuss
Any one (scholar's choice) of Gail Gibbons' nonfiction selections

Then choose at least 5 of the following books to read:

Rainbow Fish Marcus Pfister
My Lucky Day-Keiko Kasza My Best Friend Pat Hutchins
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You Mary Ann Hoberman
Make Way for Ducklings Robert McCloskey
Bear Snores On Karma Wilson
Big Red Barn Margaret Wise Brown
Olivia Ian Falconer
Bedtime for Frances Russell Hoban
Swimmy Leo Lionni
Time for Bed Mem Fox
Little Bear Else Homelund
Anansi and the Magic Stick Eric A. Kimmel

Or any title from the following series of books:

Frog and Toad series Arnold Lobel
Arthur series Marc Brown
Henry and Mudge series Cynthia Rylant
Elephant and Piggie series Mo Willems



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Summer Reading List for Rising Second Grade

Scholars will complete an assigned project over ONE of these books, of their choice, at the beginning of school:

Monarch Butterfly Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 3.4)

Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express Eleanor Coerr (A.R. level 2.7)

The Keeping Quilt Patricia Polacco (A.R. level 4.4)

Amazing Grace Mary Hoffman (A.R. level 3.5)

My Awesome Summer P. Mantis (A Nature Diary) Paul Meisel (A.R. level 2.1)

The Chalk Box Kid Clyde Robert Bulla (A.R. level 2.7)

Scholars should also choose and complete at least 5 (five) of the following selections by the end of summer:

The Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Pena (AR level 3.3)

The Name Jar Yangsook Choi (AR level 3.1)

Angel Child, Dragon Child Michelle Maria Surat (AR level 2.8)

The Hula Hoopin' Queen Thelma Lynne Godin (AR level 3.4)

Mr. George Baker Amy Hest (AR level 2.5)

The Raft Jim Lamarche (AR level 4.1)

Dandelions Eve Bunting (AR level 3.5)

From Seed to Plant Gail Gibbons (AR. level 3.4)

The Reasons for the Seasons Gail Gibbons (A.R. level 4.2)

Give Bees a Chance Bethany Barton (A.R. level 3.6)

I'm Trying to Love Spiders Bethan Barton (AR level 2.5)

The Very Quiet Cricket Eric Carle (A.R. level 3.0)

The Great Kapok Tree Lynne Cherry (AR level 3.8)

A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln David A. Adler (A.R. level 3.8)

Clara Barton Wil Mara (A.R. level 2.6)

Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner Janice Harrington (not AR)

What Presidents Are Made Of Hanoch Piven (AR level 4.9)

The Three Pigs David Weisner (AR Level 2.3)

The Lion and The Mouse Gare Thompson (AR level 2.4) (or by Jerry Pinkney- not AR)

Ancient Greece and the Olympics Mary Pope Osborne (A.R. level 4.4)



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Summer Reading List for Rising Third Grade

Required Reading - Scholars will be expected to complete a project on this novel at the beginning of the school year:

Charlotte's Web E.B. White (AR 4.4)

Choose at least one from this list:

Magic tree house - Fact Tracker - Rainforest (AR 4.8)

Magic tree house - Afternoon on the Amazon (AR 2.6)

Who was Ferdinand Magellan? (AR 4.6)

What is Ellis Island? (AR 5.6)

Where is the Parthenon? (AR 6.3)

Choose at least one from this list:

The One and Only Ivan Katherine Applegate (AR 3.6)

Miss Daisy is Crazy Dan Gutman (AR 4.3)

Runaway Ralph Beverly Cleary (AR 5.3)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Kate Dicamillo (AR 4.4)

Stuart Little EB White (AR 6.0)

A - Z Mysteries-The Absent Author Ron Roy (AR 3.4)

Spy School Stuart Gibbs (AR 5.3)

The BFG Roald Dahl (AR 4.8)



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Summer Reading List for Rising Fourth Grade

Required Reading:

Fantastic Mr. Fox

What Is the Declaration of Independence OR *What Is the Constitution*

Choose 1 of the following:

The Whipping Boy

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Mr. Poppers Penguins

Matilda

The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events Book 1)

Sojourner Truth

Who Was Benjamin Franklin



Rising 5th Graders

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

Upcoming 5th Graders are expected to read **THREE** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Island of the Blue Dolphins** and **Holes**) and then choose one from the optional category (**The Fourteenth Goldfish**, **The Incredible Journey** or **Wild Man Island**). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER BY ELIZABETH GEORGE SPEAR -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Indian in the Cupboard
by Lynne Reid Banks -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

Holes by Louis Sachar -- REQUIRED

**The Island of the Blue Dolphins
by Scott O'Dell -- REQUIRED**



Rising 6th Graders

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

Upcoming 6th Graders are expected to read **THREE** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Bridge to Terabitha and Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths**) and then choose one from the optional category (The Fourteenth Goldfish, The Incredible Journey or Wild Man Island). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holmes
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Incredible Journey
by Sheila Burnford -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

WILD MAN ISLAND BY WILL HOBBS
OPTIONAL CHOICE

**Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek
Myths by Bernard Evslin -- REQUIRED**

The Bridge to Terabitha
by Katherine Paterson -- REQUIRED



Rising 7th Graders

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

Upcoming 7th Graders are expected to read **THREE** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**Shipwreck at the Bottom of the Earth** and **The Devil's Arithmetic**) and then choose one from the optional category (*Ella Enchanted* or *A Separate Peace*). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

Nothing but the Truth by Avi
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Seventh Most Important Thing by
Shelly Pearsall -- OPTIONAL CHOICE

A SEPARATE PEACE BY JOHN KNOWLES
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Devil's Arithmetic
by Jane Yolen
REQUIRED

Bomb
by Steve Sheinkin REQUIRED



Rising 8th Graders

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

Upcoming 8th Graders are expected to read **THREE** books from the list below over the summer break. Each scholar must read both required books (**The Outsiders** and **The Sunflower**) and then choose one from the optional category (Red Kayak, The Giver, or The Book Thief). Activities will be assigned for all of the books and will be a part of the scholar's grade for the first quarter.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Giver by Lois Lowry
OPTIONAL CHOICE

RED KAYAK BY PRISCILLA CUMMINGS
OPTIONAL CHOICE

The Sunflower by Simon
Wiesenthal
REQUIRED

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
REQUIRED