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Dear Parents,

As you know, reading should be as much a part of your child's summer schedule as swimming, sports and sunbathing. The key to motivating your child to read is to shower him or her with lots of reading materials, lots of time to read those materials, and most importantly – lots of love! Homes that overflow with books, reading-related activities, and affection are those that guarantee a lifetime of reading enjoyment and success for each and every child.

Ways to **MOTIVATE** Your Child in Reading:

M – Maximize reading choices

Provide your child with opportunities to read from a variety of printed materials, including magazines, brochures, catalogs, newspapers, cereal boxes, junk mail – and books!

O – Offer many opportunities for your child to explore interests

Keep on top of your child's hobbies, sports, and free time activities. Be sure to provide your child with a host of reading materials related to those areas.

T – Transmit your own enthusiasm for reading

Show your child all the joys and pleasures that can come from reading. Help your child understand that reading is something everyone can and should enjoy!

I – Increase opportunities for quiet reading

Children (and parents) should have regular opportunities to read on their own in a quiet place or during a quiet time in the daily activities.

V – Vary the types of reading selections for your child

Variety is the spice of life – encourage your child to select different types of reading materials including mysteries, biographies, fantasy, poetry, adventure, etc.

A – Act as a role model

Children tend to copy adults. If your child frequently sees you reading (and enjoying what you read), he/she will want to discover the excitement of reading too.

T – Tune in to emotional needs

Be aware of your child's emotional and social development and use books and book characters to help your child.

E – Encourage your child to explore the world around

Provide your child with opportunities to travel to distant planets, journey under the sea, or walk around the block – all through the magic of reading.

We offer the following list of suggested titles selected with your child in mind.

Please note, at the top of each level Grades 3-8 are the titles and authors of three **required** books which your child **must read** during the summer months. Each of these three books will be discussed in class when school resumes in September. In addition to these discussions, **two** of the three books will be tested during the first weeks of school. No test will be given Grades 1 or 2. Also listed for Grades 3-8 is a selection of **suggested** titles offered to help you choose worthwhile reading that your child will enjoy.

Happy Reading!

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SUMMER READING LIST

The man who does not read books has no advantage over the man that can not read them. – Mark Twain

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1

It is suggested that an incoming first grade student should read/look at any of these books. Reading at this level may mean looking at the illustrations, having mom/dad read the book to their child or in some cases reading the book him/herself.

Archambault, John
Bridwell, Norman
Brown, Marc
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Carle, Eric
Dr. Seuss
Eastman, P. D.
Freeman, Don
Hello Reader Series
Lionni, Leo
Martin, Bill

Numeroff, Laura

Viorst, Judith

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Clifford (any title in the series)
Arthur (any title in the series)
Biscuit (any title in series)
Hermit Crab (or any book by this author)
Cat in the Hat (or any book by this author)
Are You My Mother? (or any book by this author)
Corduroy Series

Any Book by this Author
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
(or any book by this author)
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
(or any book by this author)
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible,
No Good, Very Bad Day (any book in series)



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 2

Suggested titles:

Brett, Jan
Brown, Marc
Cannon, Janell
Cleary, Beverly
DePaola, Tomie
Henkes, Kevin
Parish, Peggy
Parks, Barbara
Rey, Hans Augusto
Roy, Ron
Williams, Margery

The Mitten
Arthur series
Stellaluna
Ramona series
Strega Nona
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
Amelia Bedelia series
Junie B. Jones series
Curious George
A to Z Mysteries series
The Velveteen Rabbit



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 3

Each student **must** read:

Adler, David A
Brown, RG
Cleary, Beverly

Suggested titles:

Atwater, JF
Baglio, Ben
Betancourt, Jeanne
Cleary, Beverly
Miles, Ellen
Schanback, Mindy
White, EB

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds
Flat Stanley
Muggy Maggie

Mr. Poppers Penguins
Animal Arc Books
Pony Pals
Ramona Quimby – Age 8
The Puppy Palace – Goldie
Does Third Grade Last Forever?
Charlotte’s Web



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 4

Each student **must** read:

Banks, Lynne Reid
Dahl, Roald
Steig, William

Suggested titles:

Baglio, Ben M
Blume, Judy
DiCamillo, Kate
King-Smith, Dick
Montgomery, Sy
Sachar, Louis
Spinelli, Jerry

Indian in the Cupboard
James and the Giant Peach
Abel’s Island

Hedgehogs in the Hall
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Tales of Despereaux
The School Mouse
The Tarantula Scientist
Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Loser



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 5

Each student **must** read:

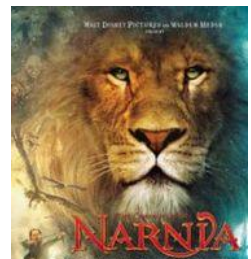
Babbitt, Natalie
Lewis, C.S.
L’Engle, Madeline

Suggested titles:

Cleary, Beverly
Creech, Sharon
Kehret, Peg
O’Dell, Scott
Paulsen, Gary
Rawls, Wilson
Taylor, Mildred

Tuck Everlasting
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Wrinkle in Time

Dear Mr. Henshaw
Walk Two Moons
Earthquake Terror
Island of the Blue Dolphin
Brian’s Winter
Where the Red Fern Grows
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6

Each student **must** read:

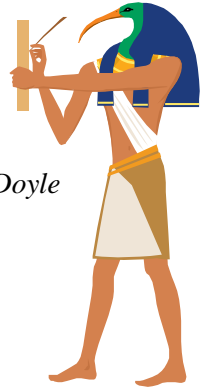
Paterson, Katherine
Paulsen, Gary
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

Suggested titles:

Avi
Curtis, Christopher Paul
Frank, Anne
Juster, Norton
Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis
Tolkien, J.R.R.

Bridge to Terabithia
Hatchet
The Egypt Game

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Bud, Not Buddy
The Diary of a Young Girl
The Phantom Tollbooth
Missing May
Holes
The Hobbit



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7

Each student **must** read:

Armstrong, William
Paulsen, Gary
Steinbeck, John

Suggested titles:

DuPrau, Jeanne
Fritz, Jean
Houston, James D
Hunt, Irene
Kipling, Rudyard
Lowry, Lois
North, Sterling

Sounder
Soldier's Heart
The Pearl

The City of Ember
The Great Little Madison
Farewell to Manzanar
Across Five Aprils
Captains Courageous
The Giver
Rascal



STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

Each student **must** read:

Avi
Girzone, Joseph F
Verne, Jules

Suggested titles:

Christie, Agatha
Hickman, Homer
Hinton, S.E.
Hunt, Irene
Paolini, Christopher
Philbrick, Rodman
Twain, Mark

Nothing but the Truth
Joshua
Journey to the Center of the Earth

And Then There Were None
Rocket Boys
Outsiders
No Promises in the Wind
Eragon
The Last Book in the Universe
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

