

SMM Summer Reading List 2021

These are the minimum requirements for summer reading, but remember that reading helps students keep their skills sharp! We encourage your child to read many different genres broadly and widely for enjoyment throughout the summer.

Kindergarten:

Read at least 10 of the following books:

The Mixed-Up Chameleon by Eric Carle

Curious George by H.A. Rey

Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On by Lois Ehlert

Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni

26 Letters and 99 cents by Tana Hoban

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Chicken Little by Steven Kellogg

All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka

Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor by Joanna Cole

Any book by Eric Carle

Any book by Mo Willems

Any book by Jan Brett

Any book by Dr. Seuss

1st Grade:

Read six books:

Any three nonfiction books:

- A book on plants or animals
- A book on any famous person in American History
- A book on weather
- A book on planets or the sun

*****Students will need to bring in one of the books they read over the summer to complete an activity in class during the first week of school. *****

2nd Grade:

Read five books:

- A biography
- 1 fiction book
- 3 nonfiction books:
 - About landforms
 - About animals
 - About space

*****Students should read a biography on anyone and bring in the book they read to complete an activity in class during the first week of school. *****

3rd Grade:

Read three books:

1. Donovan's Word Jar by Monalisa DeGross
 2. Read one grade appropriate biography
 3. Read one grade appropriate book about animals
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4th Grade:

Read three books:

1. Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
 2. Read a state book from Our Great States series
 3. Read a nonfiction science book by Steve Jenkins
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5th Grade:

Read three books:

- 1 grade appropriate biography
 - 1 grade appropriate historical fiction book
 - 1 grade appropriate book of choice (grade appropriate graphic novels are ok)
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6th Grade:

Must read: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

Read an age-appropriate, content-appropriate book of your choice. (You should not have taken an AR test on your book of choice.)

7th Grade:

Must Read: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

Any Novel of choice on the student's reading level.

8th Grade:

Read two books:

-I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Reader's Edition) - Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

- One age-appropriate chapter book of choice

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<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/> Founded in 2008, freechildrenstories.com operates on the simple principle that children's development is paramount. Their mission is to offer meaningful storytelling to each reader around the globe, with access to the internet, for free.

<https://monkeypen.com/pages/free-childrens-books> believes that books should be the cornerstone of every childhood and they are committed to making this dream a reality with their "10 Thousand Free Children's Book Project". The books created as a part of this project will provide children with access to quality books that entertain and educate.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/> has original stories with color illustrations for young children as well as older children and young adults. Children's Storybooks Online seeks to combine education and entertainment to amuse and engage children's imaginations. There are riddles, mazes, coloring book pages and a page with children's links that have won Children's Storybooks Online Award for excellence.

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<https://storylineonline.net/> The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's Daytime Emmy®-nominated and award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online®, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Oprah Winfrey, Chris Pine, Kristen Bell, Rita Moreno, Viola Davis, Jaime Camil, Kevin Costner, Lily Tomlin, Sarah Silverman, Betty White, Wanda Sykes and dozens more.