



# Suggested Summer Reading Lists

## Rising 2nd Graders

**Choose 3 books from the suggested list and have fun reading them over the summer. Be ready to take an AR Test on each book when you return to school in August.**

Any of the following types of books:

I Can Read Book (Level 3)

Ready Readers (Stages 2 and 3)

Step into Reading (Steps 2 and 3)

Ready to Read (Levels 2 and 3)

Hello Reader (Levels 2 and 3)

Road to Reading

Easy Reader

**You may also enjoy other books by these authors:**

Amelia Bedelia Books by Peggy Parrish

Arthur Chapter Books by Marc Brown

Nate the Great Series by Mitchell Sharmat

Pee Wee Scouts Series by Judy Delton

Junie B. Jones Series by Barbara Pack

Cam Jansen Series by David Adler

Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline

Harry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant



## Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Choose 1 book from the suggested Reading List and have fun reading over the summer. Be ready to take an AR test on your book when you return to school in August!

Have a great summer and READ!READ!READ!

Arthur Chapter Books: Marc Brown  
Clifford Books: Norman Bridwell  
Bailey School Kids Adventure Books: Debbie Dadey  
Amelia Bedelia Books: Peggy Parish  
Amber Brown Series: Paula Danziger  
Cam Jansen Books: David A. Adler  
Curious George Books: H.A. Rey  
Henry and Mudge Books: Cynthia Rylant  
Junie B. Jones Books: Barbara Pack  
Magic Tree House Books: Mary Pope Osborne  
Nate the Great Books: Sharmat  
Pee Wee Scouts Books: Judy Delton  
The Boxcar Children: Warner  
Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express: Coerr  
Chang's Paper Pony: Coerr  
The Dog That Stole Home: Christopher  
Herbie Jones and the Birthday Showdown: Kline  
Mary Marony Books: Kline  
Twin Surprises: Pheffer  
Ramona Quimby: Beverly Cleary  
Henry Huggins: Beverly Cleary  
Muggie Maggie: Beverly Cleary  
Chrysanthemum: Kevin Henkes  
How to be Cool in the Third Grade: Betsy Duffey  
Julian's Glorious Summer: Ann Cameron  
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses: Paul Goble  
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs: Judi Barrett  
The Keeping Quilt: Patricia Palacco  
The Beast in Ms. Ronney's Room: Patricia Giff



## Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Dear Parents and Students,

Becoming a good reader is one of the most powerful tools to ensure success in academics and in life. Students who read are consistently better performers in the classroom. For this reason, the teachers at Williamsburg Academy have made it a top priority to stress READING throughout the SUMMER!

As always, you are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child. However, to assist you and your child in selecting books for Summer Reading, we have prepared a list of suggested books. The most important thing to remember is that learning is FUN! Books are wonderful companions. They can provide adventures, excitement, and moments of quiet joy.

Students are asked to read *at least three books* from the suggested list below or books that you, the parent, feel appropriate for your child. *Three* is a minimum! Students can read as many books as they want! Keep a log of the books read this summer. Include TITLE and AUTHOR only. No summary is required. Students should be prepared to take an AR test over *one* of their summer reading choices.

### **Suggested Book List (these are all series) for Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Encyclopedia Brown

Donald J. Sobol

Animal Ark

Ben Baglio

Great Brain

John Fitzgerald

My Side of the Mountain

Jean C. George

Nancy Drew Mysteries

Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boy Mysteries

Franklin W. Dixon



## Rising 5th Grade

Summer is a great time for your child to practice what he/she has learned throughout the school year. There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading for enjoyment. Not only will your child discover the joy of being lost in a book, he/she will practice the many skills and strategies he/she has learned all year.

Numerous studies have shown that the best way for students to become better readers is to READ! Many times students return to school in the fall and are assessed far below their spring reading levels. This is most likely due to the fact that students are simply not spending time reading over the summer. Just 20 minutes a day can make a world of difference!

Students need to read at least two books from the suggested list below. No summary is required, but students should be prepared to take an AR test on both of their summer reading choices.

### Suggested Book List for Rising 5th Graders

*Bridge to Terabithia*

Katherine Paterson

*Summer of the Monkeys*

Wilson Rawls

*A Handful of Stars*

Cynthia Lord

*Worth*

A. LaFaye



# Summer Reading List

## Grades 6-12

**Rising Sixth Grade:** *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

**Rising Seventh Grade:** *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

**Rising Eighth Grade:** *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

**Rising Ninth Grade:** *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

**Rising Tenth Grade:** *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

**Rising Eleventh Grade:** *The Eagle Has Landed* by Jack Higgins

**Rising Twelfth Grade:** *The Broken Horses* by Jeanette Wall

**Please answer the following questions and bring them to school when you return in August.**

Summer Reading questions:

1. What is the Title of the book?
2. Who is the author?
3. Summarize the plot of the novel briefly.
4. Describe the main characters in the book.
5. How does each character change from the beginning to the end of the book? What causes the changes?
6. Describe the setting of the novel, giving the specific time and place.
7. Briefly discuss the theme or major problem dealt with in the book.
8. What is your opinion or reaction to the book?
9. Are there any connections between the book and your own life? Explain
10. What do you know now that you did not know before reading the book?