

Summer Reading Recommendations

This list is comprised of teacher selections and public/private school recommendations based on the grade level that the student will be entering for the following school year. Reading levels and subject matter interest can vary greatly, so this is just meant to be a guidance and list of suggestions to help The Branch School families make wise literature choices over the summer months.

We encourage you to have your child read, or have read to them the minimum number of the books noted per level from the lists provided over the summer. In library class, the students have learned about the "three finger rule." When choosing a book, they have learned to "test read" a page. As they read one page from the book they have chosen, they are to hold up a finger for every word that is unfamiliar to them. When they have more than three fingers on one page, the book they have chosen is too difficult a book (but great for read aloud time). We hope that this is a fun way for you and your child to discover the world of reading for enjoyment together.

You can also find additional recommended reading choices for your child on line at www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglist.html.

Happy Reading!!

Greenhouse to Kindergarten : (4-6 books)

Biscuit (Little Yellow Puppy) book series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Make Way For Ducklings by Robert McClosky

Dogku by Andrew Clements

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews

On The Farm by David Elliot

Manners In Public by Carrie Finn

This Is The Firefighter by Laura Godwin

Tillie Lays An Egg by Terry Blonder Goldson

Alphabears ABC Book by Kathleen Hague

All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka

Police Officers on Patrol by K.R. Hamilton

Maybe a Bear Ate It! By Robbie H. Harris

Birds by Kevin Henkes

Miranda's Beach Day by Holler Keller

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley

Froggy Fable by John Lechner

Listen To The Rain by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archimbault

The VeryBusy Spider by Eric Carle

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle

King Bidgood's In the Bathtub by Audrey Wood
Deep Blue Sea by Audrey Wood
May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice Schenk De Regiers
Who Is the Beast? by Keith Baker
If You Were A Penguin by Florence and Wendell Minor
The Cow That Went Oink by Bernard Most
Senses In The City by Shelley Rotner
A Day With No Crayons by Elizabeth Rusch
Say Please by Virginia Austin

First Grade: (4-6 books)

Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
 Little Bear books by Else Minarik
Young Cam Jensen and the 100th Day of School by David Adler
Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer by Carol Brendler
One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh
Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cornin
26 Fairmont Avenue by Tomie De Paola
Comets, Stars, Moons and Mars by Douglas Florain
Count Me a Rhyme: Animal Poems by Yolen
 Tacky the Penguin series by Lester
 Henry and Mudge series by Rylant
Too Many Frogs by Asher
 Nate the Great series by Sharmat
Little Blue Truck by Schertle
 Skippy Jon Jones series by Schachner
One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab by Sayre
 Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Rylant
 Fancy Nancy series by O'Connor
 Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
The Puppy Place by Ellen Miles
 (read aloud choices)
 Laura Ingalls Wilder Little House series
Charlotte's Web and *Trumpet of the Swan* by EB White
 Fudge series by Judy Blume

Second Grade (4-6 books)

Cam Jensen series by Adler
Pinky and Rex series by Howe
Horrible Harry series by Kline
Edward and the Pirates by McPhail
Let's Do Nothing! by Tony Fucile
Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mystery Science Hasn't Solved by Lenny Hort
Theodore by Frank Keating
Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories by Jim LaMarche
Poodle and Hound series by Kathryn Lasky
Missing Math: A Number Mystery by Loreen Leedy
Daisy Jane, Best Flower-Girl Ever by Megan McDonald
Double Trouble by Nickel
Harry the Dirty Dog series by Zion
The Greatest Story Ever Told: The Babe and Jackie by Ray Negrón
Amelia Bedelia series by Parrish
How Much is a Million by Schwartz
Ramona series by Cleary
Yoon and The Jade Bracelet by Helen Recorvits
United Tweets of America by Hudson Talbott
Wild, Wild Wolves by Milton
The Great Bug Hunt by Dobkin
Julian, Secret Agent by Cameron
Thunder Cake by Polacco
(read aloud choices)
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Third Grade: (4-6 books)

(some books will be for read aloud time with parents)

The Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Walker
Field Trips by Jim Arnosky
Is My Dog A Wolf? How Your Pet Compares To It's Wild Cousin by Jenni Bidner

Ribsy by Bevelry Cleary
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Beauty and The Beast by Max Eilenberg
Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems by Betsy Franco
Red, White & True Blue Mallory by Laurie B. Friedman
Hurricanes! By Gail Gibbons
The Grasshoppers Song: Aesop's Fables Revisited by Nikki Giovanni
Pippi Longstocking Series by Astrid, Lindgren
 Shel Silverstein Poetry Books by Shel Silverstein
 Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald Sobol
Book of Poetry for Children by Jack Prelutsky
Key to the Treasure by Peggy Parish
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
My Dog, My Hero by Betsy Byers
There's an Owl in the Shower by Jean George
Half Magic by Edgar Eager
The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Harriett The Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
Little House in The Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Widler
Log Cabin in the Woods by Joanne Henry
The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
Apple Island by Douglas Evans
James and The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
Hey, New Kid by Betsy Duffey
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Fourth Grade: (4-6 books)

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia Maclachlan
 Humphrey series by Birney
 Any Matt Christopher books
Hide and Seek Natures Best Vanishing Acts by Andrea Helman
Lucky Rose: Working Myself to Pieces and Bits by Kate Kelly
The Boy Who Invented the T.V.: The Story of Philo Farnsworth by Kathleen Krull

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg by Gail Carson Levine
Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories by Sandra Markle
The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great by Gerald Morris
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
My Dog May Be A Genius by Jack Prelutsky
Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt by Doreen Rappaport
 Doll People series by Martin
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Sleznick
 Clementine series by Pennypacker
How to Steal a Dog by O'Conner
 Katie Kazoo series by Krulik
 Redwall series by Brian Jacques
The Sisters Club by McDonald
A Girl, A Boy, and a Monster Cat by Gauthier
I, Vivaldi by Janice Shefelman
Wishworks Inc. by Stephanie Tolan
Bobbie vs. Girls (Accidentally) by Lisa Yee
Igraine the Brave by Funke
The Year of the Dog by Lin
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

(read aloud selections from the middle school list)

Fifth through Seventh Grade: (5-8 books)

Any Andrew Clements
 Any Madelyn L' Engle
 Mark Twain books
 Cynthia Voight books
George Washington Carver by Tonya Bolden
 Masterpiece by Elise Broach
William Shakespeare Hamlet by Bruce Coville

The Future is Wild by Douglas Dixon
The Secret Sirens by Julia Golding
Walt Whitman: Words for America by Barbara Kearly
Dying To Meet You by Kate Klise
The Willoughbys by Lois Lowery
Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo
The Great Good Thing by Roderick Townley
The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene DuBois
Someone is Hiding on Alcatraz Island by Eve Bunting
The Breadwinner ** and series ** by Deborah Ellis
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements
Dealing With Dragons **and series** by Patricia C. Wrede
Artemis Fowl ** and series ** by Eoin Colfer
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell
Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell
Souder by William Armstrong
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

6th grade:

The Penderwicks, A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by
 Jeanne Birdsall
Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor
Seven Wonders of the Ancient World by Lynn Curlee
The Word Snoop by Ursula Dubosarsky
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman
Brooklyn Bridge by Karen Hesse
Kira- Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Days of Tears by Julius Lester
Is This Forever or What? Poems and Paintings From Texas by Naomi Nye
A Faraway Island by Annika Thor
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle
The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
Bridge to Teribithia by Katherine Paterson
Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
The Summer of the Swans, by Betsy Byars
Blizzard's Wake by Phyllis Naylor
Inkheart **and series** by Cornelia Funke
My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt
Loch by Paul Zindel
Just Ella by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

7th Grade:

Soldier Boys by Dean Hughes
Rebound by Eric Walters
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
And Then the Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Sign of Four by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
Confessions of the Ugly Stepsister by Gregory Maguire
Peak by Roland Smith
The Hobbit, or There and Back by J.R.R. Tolkien
War of the Worlds by H.G.Wells
The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp by Richard Yancey
Unwind by Neal Schusterman
There Were None by Agatha Christie
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
Hatchet and *Brian's Return* by Gary Paulsen
The Girls by Amy Goldman Koss
Among the Hidden **and Shadow Children series** by Margaret Haddix
Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

5- 7th grade Book Reflection:

After each book has been read, the student will need to log the following reflective responses using the Episodic Notes (Three Square) organizer attached. You can use the below prompts to help you organize your thoughts.

1. Who is involved? I wonder why...
2. What is the situation or problem? This is similar to...
3. What effect will that have on the story or the characters?

4. The main character feels/thinks...
5. What interested me the most was...