

Lower School
Summer Reading
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The Westfield Lower School Summer Reading Program

School may be out for summer, but studies have shown that taking a break from reading can have a significant impact when students return to the classroom on August 8th. A summer off can mean the loss of six to nine months progress for some students. The key to preventing learning loss over summer break is simple — it's reading regularly. Setting aside as little as fifteen minutes each day for reading will make all the difference. Parents play a critical role in helping children follow through on this commitment during the summer months.

Pre-K through 2nd Grade Summer Reading Log

Students who are rising Pre-K-2nd grade will complete the reading log including in this packet to receive a special reward when school begins in August for their reading over the summer. Students should bring the reading log to their homeroom teacher when school begins.

Third - Fifth Grade Summer Reading and AR Testing

Students who are rising 3rd-5th graders should not turn in a reading log. They will take AR tests on the books they read this summer. They will need to earn points through their AR tests (3 points for 3rd grade, 5 points for 4th and 5th grade) in order to receive a reward when school begins. The link to access AR is <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/55079>. These students have been using AR this school year and should have their log in information. If you need help accessing your account information, please email amoores@westfieldschool.org. Students who are new to Westfield for the 2023-2024 school year will receive an email with their child's log in information.

Rising 5th graders - DO NOT take an AR test on *Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing* during the summer. The AR test over this book will be taken once we are in school so that the points can be applied to their 1st quarter goal.

Here are some tips from *Read Naturally* for getting children engaged in and excited about reading this summer:

- 1. Make a date with a librarian** — Librarians will help locate books based on interests and reading ability. Check out your library for summer reading programs and a huge supply of great books.
- 2. Lead by example** — Actions speak louder than words so let your child see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a good book. For younger readers, go ahead and read together with you reading a page and them reading the next.
- 3. See reading everywhere** — Show how important reading is in everyday in everyday life by asking them to read the recipe while you make something together or read signs as you go about your day.
- 4. Read the book, then see the movie** — Use the excitement of an upcoming movie to get them to read the book. Then see the movie and discuss the differences between the two versions. They'll quickly learn that books are better. This can be done with videos as well.
- 5. Bring books while you hit the highway** — Books are terrific because they are portable and don't need any batteries or wires. Audio books are also great for getting kids to see the value in stories found in books.
- 6. Give TV a timeout** — According to a U.S. Department of Education study, the average kindergarten student has spent more than 5,000 hours watching television. Cutting down on TV time will create more time for your child to tune into reading.

We hope that books from the suggested lists bring students many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading!

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Suggested Reading Lists

Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5

For Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten:

Aardema, Verna—Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
Abercrombie, Barbara—Charlie Anderson
Adoff, Arnold—Flamboyant
Aliki—any title
Allard, Harry—Miss Nelson is Missing!
Ames, Lee J.—Draw, Draw, Draw
Anno, Mitsumasa—Anno's Journey Series
Anonymous Fairy Tales—Cinderella, The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and Mother Goose Rhymes
Arnold, Tedd—No Jumping on the Bed
Avis—Abigail Takes the Wheel
Avis—Finding Providence: The Story of Roger Williams
Baker, Barbara—Digby and Kate Series
Balian, Norma—Amelia's Nine Lives or Any title
Bang, Molly—Ten, Nine, Eight
Barrett, H. Judi—Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Bauer, Marion—The Bear's Hiccups
Bauer, Marion—Turtle Dreams
Bemelmans, Ludwig—Madeleine Series
Bennett, David—Any title
Berenstain, Stan & Jan—Berenstain Bears Series
Berger, Barbara—Grandfather Twilight
Bliss, Corinne—The Shortest Kid in the World
Bliss, Corinne—Snow Day
Bridwell, Norman—Clifford Series
Branley, Franklyn—Any Title
Brett, Jan—Any Title
Brown, Marc—Hand Rhymes or Any title
Brown, Margaret—Goodnight, Moon; The Little Scarecrow Boy; The Runaway Bunny; Any title
Butler, Dorothy—My Brown Bear Barney
Calhoun, Mary—Hot-Air Henry Series
Carle, Eric—Any title
Carlstrom, Nancy White—Any Title
Cazet, Denys—Minnie and Moo Series
Cichester, Clark—I Love You, Blue Kangaroo
Cohen, Miriam—Will I have a Friend?
Conrad, Pam—Tub People Series
Crews, Donald—Any Title
Degen, Bruce—Jamberry
Eastman, P.D.—Are You My Mother?
Ehlert, Lois—Growing Vegetable Soup
Ernst, Lisa—Ginger Jumps
Fields, Julia—the Green Lion of Zion Street

Flack, Marjorie—Ask Mr. Bear
Freeman, Don—Corduroy Series
Guarino, Deborah—Is Your Mama a Llama
Harper, Dan—Telling Time with Big Mama Cat
Heine, Helme—Friends
Heller, Ruth—Chickens Aren't the Only Ones
Plants That Never Ever Bloom
Henkes, Kevin—Any Title
Hines, Anna—Come to the Meadow
Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti
Hisse, Jane—Little Bear's Trousers & other titles
Hoban, Tanya—Any Title
Hughes, Shirley—Out and About
Hutchins, Pat—Any Title
Hurd, Edith—I Dance in My Red Pajamas
Huges, Shirley—Alfie Gives a Hand
Johnson, Crockett—Harold and the Purple Crayon
Johnston, Tony—Sparky and Eddie Series
Jonas, Ann—Color Dance
Keats, Ezra Jack—The Snowy Day, any title
Kraus, Robert—Whose Mouse are You?
Krauss—The Carrot Seed
Krensky, Stephen—Lionel Series
Lester, Helen—Tacky Series
Little, Jean—Emma's Magic Winter
Lionni, Leo—Any Title
Lobel, Arnold—Mouse Tales
Lord, John—the Giant Jam Sandwich
Marshall, James—Fox Be Nimble Series
Martin, Bill Jr.—Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?; Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom; Any Title
Mathers, Petra—Lottie's New Beach Towel
Mayer, Mercer—Any Title
McCloskey, Robert—Make Way for Ducklings
Blueberries for Sal
McDonald, Megan—Beezy Series
McPhail, David—Any Title
Meddaugh, Susan—Martha Walks the Dog Series
Medearis, Angela—Poppa's New Pants
Rum-a-Tum-Tum
Murphy, Stuart—Lemonade for Sale
Nickle, John—The Ant Bully
Numeroff, Laura—If You Give Series
Peek, Merle—Roll Over! A Counting Song; Mary Wore Her Red Dress & Henry Wore His Green Sneakers
Piper, Watty—The Little Engine That Could
Porte, Barbara—Tale of a Tadpole
Potter, Beatrice—Peter Rabbit Series
Preston, Edna—The Temper Tantrum Book

Rathman, Peggy—Officer Buckle and Gloria
Rey, H.A.—Curious George Series
Rockwell, Anne—Any Title
Rosen, Michael—We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Ryder, Joanne—Where Butterflies Grow
Rylant, Cynthia—Henry & Mudge Series
Rylant, Cynthia—Any Title
Seuss, Dr.—Cat in the Hat
Shannon, David—any title
Sheppard, Jeff—The Right Number of Elephants
Shulevitz, Uri—Snow
Siebert, Diane—Truck Song
Simon, Norma—Cats Do, Dogs Don't
Sloat, Teri—There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout
Slobodkina, Esphyr—Caps for Sale
Steig, William—Pete's a Pizza
 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Tafari, Nancy—Any Title
Thomas, Patricia—Stand Back, said the Elephant, I Think I'm Going to Sneeze
Udry, Janice May—A Tree is Nice
Viorst, Judith—Any Title
Waber, Bernard—Ira Sleeps Over
Wagner, Karen—Silly Fred
Walsh, Ellen—Mouse Paint
Wells, Rosemary—Any Title
Wood, Audrey—Any Title
Zolotow, Charlotte—William's Doll
 Something is Going to Happen

Grades 1-3:

Allard, Harry—Miss Nelson Series
Avi—Upham's Revenge
Berenstain, Jan & Stan—Berenstain Bears Nursery Tales
Blume, Judy—Freckle Juice
Brenner, Barbara—Wagon Wheels
Bridwell, Norman—Clifford, the Big Red Dog
Brisson, Pat—Summer My Father was Ten
Byars, Betsy—Tornado
Carrick, Carol—Any title
Catling, Patrick—The Chocolate Touch
Christopher, Matt—Peach Street Mudders Series
Cleary, Beverly—Ramona Quimby Series
Dahl, Roald—Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Dahl, Roald—Fantastic Mr. Fox
Danziger, Paula—Amber Brown Series
Dunrea, Olivier—The Trow-Wife's Treasure
Erickson, Russell—Warton and Morton Series
Fowler, Susi—Albertina the Practically Perfect
Gibbons, Gail—Any Title
Hoban, Lillian—Arthur Series
Hoban, Russell—Bedtime for Frances
Howe, James—Horace & Morris but Mostly Dolores
Howe, James—Pinky and Rex Series
Hurwitz, Johanna—Much Ado About Aldo
King-Smith, Dick—Any title
Koller, Jackie—Dragonling Series
Krensky, Stephen--Louise Series
Landon, Lucinda—Meg Macintosh Series
Lasky, Kathryn—She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head
Lobel, Arnold—Frog and Toad Series
McCloskey, Robert—Make Way for Ducklings
Mosel, Arlene—Tikki Tikki Tembo
Moss, Marissa—Amelia Takes Command Series
Osborne, Mary Pope—Magic Tree House Series
Parish, Peggy—Amelia Bedelia
Park, Barbara—Junie B. Jones Series
Polacca, Patricia—Any Title
Rey, H.A.—Curious George Series
Rodowsky, Colby—Not My Dog
Rylant, Cynthia—Blue Hill Meadows
Ryland, Cynthia—Poppleton Series
Sachar, Allen—Marvin Redpost Series
Say, Allen—any Title
Scieszka, Jon—Time Warp Trio Series
Scieszka, Jon—True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Seuss, Dr.—All titles
 Sharmat, Marjorie—Nate the Great Series
 Silverstein, Shel—Where the Sidewalk Ends
 Smith, Janice Lee—Adam Joshua Series
 Sobol, Donald—Encyclopedia Brown Series
 Steptoe, John—Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters
 Stevenson, James—Mud Flat Series
 Stolz, Mary—Ballad of the Civil War
 Viorst, Judith—Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
 Warner, Gertrude—Boxcar Children Series
 White, E.B.—Charlotte’s Web
 Wilder, Laura—Little House Series
 William, Margery—Velveteen Rabbit

Grades 4-5:

Aliki—Medieval Feast
 Avi—Perloo the Bold
 Avi—Poppy Series
 Avi—Something Upstairs
 Avi—S.O.R. Losers
 Babbitt, Natalie—Tuck Everlasting
 Babbitt, Natalie—Kneeknock Rise
 Baum, Frank—The Wizard of Oz
 Blume, Judy—Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing & other titles in Fudge Series
 Bruchac, Joseph—the Arrow Over the Door
 Byars, Betsy—The Pinballs or any Title
 Chambers, Veronica—Amistad Rising: A Story of Freedom
 Cleary, Beverly—Any Title
 Clements, Andrew—Frindle
 Coleman, M.—Weirdo’s War
 Cooper, Susan—Dark is Rising Series
 Creech, Sharon--Bloomability
 Dahl, Roald—Any Title
 Davis, Jim—Garfield Counts to Ten
 Dear America Series
 DeClements, Barthe—Nothing’s Fair in Fifth Grade
 Farley, Walter—The Black Stallion
 Fenner, Carol—King of Dragons
 Fenner, Carol—Yolanda’s Genius
 Fitzgerald, John—The Great Brain Series
 Fleischman, Sid—Bandit’s Moon
 Freedman, Russell—Lincoln: A Photobiography
 Fletcher, Susan—Shadow Spinner
 Gantos, Jack—Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key
 George, Jean—My Side of the Mountain Series
 Gipson, Fred—Old Yeller
 Gordon, Sheila—Middle of Somewhere
 Haas, Jessie—Any title
 Haddix, Margaret—Margaret Series
 Harrah, Madge—My Brother, My Enemy
 Hearne, Betsy—Listening for Leroy

Required Summer Reading 5th grade

(Please see final page of this packet for more information.)

Hearne, Betsy—Seven Brave Women
 Hest, Amy—Any Title
 Hiller, B.B.—The Karate Kid
 Howe, Deborah & James—Bunnicula Series
 Isaacs, Anne—Treehouse Tales
 Knight, Eric—Lassie Come Home
 Konigsburg, E.L.—View from Saturday
 L’Engle, Madeleine—Wrinkle in Time Series
 Lewis, C.S.—The Chronicles of Narnia Series
 Lowry, Lois—Anastasia Krupnik Series
 McCaughrean, Gerald—The Pirate’s Son
 McKissack, Patricia—Run Away Home
 MacLachlan, Patricia—Sarah Plain and Tall
 Montgomery, L.M.—Anne of Green Gables Series
 Morris, Gerald—The Squire’s Tale
 My Name is America Series
 O’Brien, Robert—Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
 O’Dell, Scott—Island of the Blue Dolphin
 Paterson, Katherine—Bridge to Terebithia
 Rawls, Wilson—Where the Red Fern Grows
 Roberts, Willo—the View from the Cherry Tree
 Rockwell, Thomas—How to Eat Fried Worms
 Sachar, Louis—Holes
 Scieszka, Jon—Squids will be Squids
 Scieszka, Jon—Summer Reading is Killing Me
 Sewell, Anna—Black Beauty
 Silverstein, Shel—Any Title
 Sobol, Donald—Encyclopedia Brown Series
 Soto, Gary—Baseball in April
 Speare, Elizabeth—Witch of Blackbird Pond
 Staples, Suzanne—Shabanu
 Stevenson, James—Bones in the Cliff
 Stevenson, James—unprotected Witness Series
 Taylor, Mildred—The Friendship Series
 Taylor, Mildred—Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
 Twain, Mark—Tom Sawyer
 Warner, Gertrude—Boxcar Children
 Wells, Rosemary—Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories

White, E.B.—Charlotte's Web
Wilder, Laura—Little House Series

Biography and Autobiography:

Accorsi, W.—Rachel Carson
Adler—Picture Book Biographies Series
Alcott—Louisa May Alcott: Her Childhood Diary
Anderson—Laura's Album: A Remembrance Scrapbook of Laura
Anderson—Pioneer Girl: Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder
Bail—Where Lincoln Walked
Burchard—Charlotte Forten: A Black Teacher in the Civil War
Burleigh—Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth
Coles—Story of Ruby Bridges
Cooney—Eleanor
Cooney—Emily
Cummings—Talking with Adventurers
Dahl—Boy
DePaola—26 Fairmount Avenue
Fisher—Gandhi
Greene—Katherine Dunham
Fleischman—Abracadabra
Freedman—Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery
Johnson—My Dear Noel: The Story of a Letter From Beatrix Potter
Kent—Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court
Kwan—Michelle Kwan, Heart of a Champion
Lowry—Looking Back
Lyons—Catching the Fire: Philip Simmons, Blacksmith
Martin—Snowflake Bentley
Matthews—Light Shining Through the Mist
Nickens—Walking the Log
Roop—Keep the Lights Burning, Abby
Say—Grandgather's Journey
Sis—Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei
Stanley—Joan of Arc
Szabo—Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart
Towle—The Real McCoy
Winter—My Name is Georgia: A Portrait

Non-Fiction Titles:

Go In and Out the Window: An Ill. Songbook for Young People
Aliko—Corn is Maize
Aliko—Mummies Made in Egypt
Aliko—William Shakespeare & the Globe
Armstrong—Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World
Arnold—El Nino: Stormy Weather for People and Wildlife
Cole—New Baby at Your House
Cole—Rain & Shine Activity Book

Cole—Magic Schoolbus Series
Darlington—Desert Babies Series
Dooley—Everybody Cooks Rice Series
Ehlert—Planting a Rainbow
George—Who's Been Here? Series
Derstein—the Wild boy
Gibbons—Any title
Giblin—Mystery of the Mammoth Bones...
Goodall—With Love
Herbert—Leonardo da Vinci for Kids
Hoban—26 Letters and 99 Cents
Jenkins—Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest
Jenkins—The Top of the World
Johnson—Simon & Schuster Children's Guide to Insects and Spiders
Krull—Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame and What the Neighbors Thought Series
Lauber—Be a Friend to Trees
Lauber—Volcano
Maass—Tugboats
Macy—Winning Ways: Photohistory of American Women in Sports
Markle—Outside and Inside Series
Martin—Animal That Walk on Water
Murphy, Jim—Any Title
Peacock—Crossing the Delaware
Perenyi—Wild, Wild West: Western Wildlife Habitat
Peterson—Harvest year
Robbins—Autumn Leaves
Silcox-Jarreh—Heroines of the American Revolution
Swanson—Buffalo Sunrise
Simon, Seymour—Any Title

Family Read-Alouds:

Richard Adams' Watership Down
Richard Atwater's Mr. Popper's Penguins
Aki's Poppy
Frances Burnett's The Secret Garden
Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach
Mary Dodge's Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates
Kenneth Graham's Wind in the Willows
Washington Irving's Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Farley Mowat's Owls in the Family
Mary Norton's Borrowers Series
Marjorie Rawlings' Yearling
E.B. White's Stuart Little

Selections chosen from list recommended by "Reading is Fundamental", American Library Association, Department of Education, Story Stretchers, More Story Stretchers, and reading lists from various schools.

FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Each student entering the fifth grade is required to read the following book before school begins on August 8th:

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Please bring your copy of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* with you on the first day of school (August 8th). We suggest that you wait to read the book until a week or so before school starts, so it will be fresh in your mind.

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