

# SUMMER READING LIST 2023

Valley Preparatory School

Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Graders



Having trouble looking for a good book? The following is a list of books and authors that are **recommended (but not required)** for the interest level of incoming and outgoing first graders. Book ranges are approximate. If you know your child's recent AR level, you may check for the levels of many books online at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). Happy reading!

## AR LEVEL 1.0 AND BELOW

Story/Picture Books

- At the Carnival by Kirsten Hall
- The Ball Game by David Packard
- A Birthday for Cow! by Jan Thomas
- Duck and a Book by David Shannon

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Step into Reading books, Level 1
- Puppy Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

## AR LEVEL 1.0 TO 2.0

Story/Picture Books

- Clifford books by Norman Bridwell
- Mrs. McNosh books by Sarah Weeks
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
- Sheep in a... books by Nancy Shaw
- Pete the Cat books by James Dean or Eric Litwin

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Scholastic Readers, Level 1 or 2
- Most Step into Reading books, Level 2
- Pinkalicious / I Can Read books by Victoria Kann
- Fancy Nancy / I Can Read books by Jane O'Connor
- Sam series by Mary Labatt
- Fly Guy books by Ted Arnold

## AR LEVEL 2.1 TO 3.0

Story/Picture Books

- If You Give A... books by Laura Numeroff
- Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander Steffensmeier
- Froggy books by Jonathan London

Early Chapter Books

- Splat the Cat / I Can Read books by Rob Scotton
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Annie and Snowball series by Cynthia Rylant
- Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Amelia Bedelia / I Can Read books by Peggy Parish
- Most DK Readers, Level 1
- Pete the Cat books by James Dean

Chapter Books

- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Flat Stanley / I Can Read books by Jeff Brown
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline

## WONDERFUL AUTHORS TO ENJOY

Books range throughout all levels:

Shel Silverstein	Dr. Seuss
Doreen Cronin	Stan Berenstain
Ian Falconer	Marc Brown
Mercer Mayer	Jack Prelutsky

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### Story/Picture Books

- Biscuit books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- At the Carnival by Kirsten Hall
- The Ball Game by David Packard
- Big and Little by Joy Cowley
- A Birthday for Cow! by Jan Thomas
- Duck and a Book by David Shannon
- There's a Hole in My Pocket by Akimi Gibson

### Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Step into Reading books, Level 1
- Puppy Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant

## AR LEVEL 1.1 TO 2.0

### Story/Picture Books

- Clifford books by Norman Bridwell
- Mrs. McNosh books by Sarah Weeks
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
- Sheep in a... books by Nancy Shaw

### Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Scholastic Readers, Level 1 or 2
- Most Step into Reading books, Level 2
- Sam series by Mary Labatt
- Fly Guy books by Ted Arnold

## AR LEVEL 2.1 TO 3.0

### Story/Picture Books

- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- If You Give A... books by Laura Numeroff
- Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander Steffensmeier
- Froggy books by Jonathan London

### Early Chapter Books (less than 40 pages)

- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Annie and Snowball series by Cynthia Rylant
- Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Young Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler

## Chapter Books

- Flat Stanley & the Haunted House by Jeff Brown
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Black Lagoon chapter series by Mike Thaler
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- Pain & the Great One series by Judy Blume

## AR LEVEL 3.1 TO 4.0

### Story/Picture Books

- Strega Nona books by Tommie DePaola
- Skippyjon Jones books by Judy Schachner
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

### Chapter Books

- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Rainbow Fairy series by Daisy Meadows
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Stanley books by Jeff Brown
- Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows
- Black Lagoon series by Mike Thaler
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- A – Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger
- Geronimo Stilton series by Geronimo Stilton

## AR LEVEL 4.0 AND HIGHER

### Chapter Books

- Wilbur's Adventure by E.B. White
- Some Pig! by E.B. White
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker
- Rainbow Fairy series by Daisy Meadows
- Stanley books by Jeff Brown
- Scooby-Doo! books by James Gelsey
- Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol
- Ramona Quimby series by Beverly Cleary

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| - Doreen Cronin    | - Stan Berenstain |
| - Ian Falconer     | - Marc Brown      |
| - Mercer Mayer     | - Jack Prelutsk   |

## SUMMER READING LIST 2023

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Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Recommended (but not required)



### TRANSITIONAL

- **Henry and Mudge** series by Cynthia Rylant
- **Ready Freddy** series by Abby Klein
- Hello Readers Levels 3 and 4
- Harper All I Can Read Books Level 2 and 3

### INTERMEDIATE

- **Horrible Harry** series by Suzy Kline
- **Black Lagoon** series by Mike Thaler
- **Magic School Bus** series by Eva Moore
- **Owl Diaries** series by Rebecca Elliot
- **Magic Treehouse** series by Mary Pope Osborne
- **The Boxcar Children** series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- **Cam Jansen chapter book series** by David Adler
- **A to Z Mysteries** series by Ron Roy
- **The Kids in Ms. Coleman's Class** series by Ann Martin
- **Pinky and Rex** series by James Howe
- **Commander Toad** series by Jane Yolen
- **Zack Files** by Dan Greenburg
- **Annie Bananie** by Leah Komaiko
- **Flat Stanley** series by Jeff Brown
- **Nate the Great** series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

### CHALLENGING

- **Time Warp Trio** by Jon Scieszka
- **Dragon Slayers' Academy** by K.H. McMullan
- **American Girl** series
- **Encyclopedia Brown** series by Donald Sobel
- **Geronimo Stilton** series by Geronimo Stilton (Elisabetta Dami)

### NONFICTION BOOKS

**If You Lived in the Time Of...** series  
**I Can Read About...** series by David Knight  
**Let's Read and Find Out Science** series  
**Who (What) Is/Was...** series  
**I Survived...** series

### OTHER CHOICE AUTHORS

Beverly Cleary  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Johanna Hurwitz  
Patricia Polacco  
Roald Dahl

## SUMMER READING LIST 2023

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Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Recommended (but not required)



### SERIES:

Warriors

Seekers

Percy Jackson

American Girl

Magic Tree House

Harry Potter

Franny K. Stein

Sisters Grimm

Chronicles of Narnia

Biography series "Who Was..."

'What Is/Was...'

Shark Wars series

Lemony Snicket

39 Clues

Land of Stories

Kane Chronicles

Choose Your Own Happily Ever After

Ranger's Apprentice

Chris Grabenstein series

If you have a favorite series, read the next book

If you have favorite authors, read their books!

### AUTHORS:

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Jerry Spinelli

Lois Lowry

Kate Di Camillo

Betty Bao Lord

Jon Scieszka

Robert Mc Closkey

Marguerite Henry

Beverly Cleary

Astrid Lindgren

Phyllis Naylor

Sharon Creech

William Longstrong

Eve Bunting

Jean George

Patricia MacLachlan

Andrew Clements

Dick King-Smith

Carl Hiassen

Brian Selznick

Liz Kessler

Cressida Cowell

Pam Munoz Ryan

Roald Dahl

## SUMMER READING LIST 2023

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Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Recommended (but not required)



*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Koningsbury

*Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars

*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*The Penderwicks series* by Jeanne Birdsall

*The Higher Powers of Lucky* by Susan Patron

*Loch* by Paul Zindel

*The Lost Years of Merlin* by T.A. Baron

*Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool

*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga

## SUMMER READING LIST 2023

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Incoming Middle School students



### Incoming Sixth Grade: Recommended (but not required)

- *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulson
- *A View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *The Moorchild* by Eloise McGraw
- *Belle Prater's Boy* by Ruth White
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne?
- *Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Debora Bogart
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Under the Blood Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury
- *Afternoon of the Elves* by Janey Taylor Lisle
- *The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Doll Bones* by Holly Black
- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

### Incoming Seventh Grade: Recommended (but not required)

- *The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman
- *Shadow Spinner* by Susan Fletcher
- *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt
- *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck
- *Sasquatch* by Roland Smith
- *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry
- *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulson
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech
- *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- The *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan
- *One of us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson

### Incoming Eighth Grade: Recommended (but not required)

- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *The Shadow Club* by Neal Schusterman
- *Dacey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt
- *The Iron Ring* by Lloyd Alexander
- *River Boy* by Tim Bowler
- *Dovey Coe* by Frances O'Roark Dowell
- *The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steven Sheinkin
- *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Sold* by Patricia McCormick
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.