

Recommended Reading List

Summer 2021

Kindergarten

Recommended Authors

Bruel, Nick
Brown, Margaret Wise
Campbell Ernst, Lisa
Crews, Donald
dePaola, Tomie
Dr. Seuss
Freeman, Don
Henkes, Kevin

Keats, Ezra Jack
Lionni, Leo
Lobel, Arnold
McCloskey, Robert
Rylant, Cynthia
Sendak, Maurice
Sierra, Judy
Steig, William

First Grade

Recommended Authors

Aruego, Jose
Bunting, Eve
Brown, Marc
Brown, Margaret Wise
Burningham, John
Carle, Eric
Crews, Donald
Degen, Bruce

Cole, Joanna
dePaolo, Tomie
Ehlert, Lois
Freeman, Lois
Heller, Ruth
Hoban, Lillian
Hoban, Russell
Hutchins, Pat
Keats, Ezra Jack

Kellogg, Steven
Lionni, Leo
Lobel, Arnold
Mayer, Mercer
Martin, Bill
McPhail, David
Potter, Beatrix
Prelutsky, Jack
Zolotow, Charlotte

Classic Literature

Nursery Rhymes

Aesop's Fables

Grimm's Fairy Tales

Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Tales

ABC Books

Counting Books

Song Books

Second Grade

Recommended Authors & Series

American Girl series
Berenstain, Jan & Stan (Chapter Books)
Carle, Eric
Christopher, Matt (sports books)
Cleary, Beverly
Dadey, Debbie & Thornton, Marcia
(*Bailey School Kids*)
Dahl, Roald
dePaolo, Tomie
Gannett, Ruth Stiles
Giff, Patricia Reilly (beginning chapter books)
Howe, James
Kellogg, Steven
Kline, Suzie (*Horrible Harry* books)
Lobel, Arnold
Macauley, David (non-fiction)

Martin, Bill
McKissack, Patricia
Osborne, Mary Pope
Parker, Barbara (*Junie B. Jones* series)
Parrish, Peggy (*Amelia Bedelia* series)
Sachar, Louis (*Marvin Redpost*)
Selton, Judy (*Pee Wee Scouts*)
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman
(*Nate the Great* mysteries)
Steig, William
Warner, Gertrude
(*Boxcar Children* series)

Fiction

Aardema, Vern
*Bringing the Rain to
Kapiti Plain*
Blume, Judy
*The Pain and the Great
One The One in the Middle is
the Green Kangaroo
Tale of the Fourth Grade
Nothing*
Bunting, Eve
*How Many Days to
America?*
Harvey, Brett
My Prairie Christmas
Huck, Charlotte
Princess Furball
Kellogg, Steven
*Paul Bunyan, Johnny
Appleseed, Pecos Bill*
Kent, Jack
Aesop's Fables
Kimmel, Eric
The Chanukkah Guest
McGovern, Anne
*If You Lived in Colonial
Times*

Miles, Miska
Annie and the Old One
Pearson, Susan
Jack and the Beanstalk
SanSouci, Robert
Larger than Life
Scieszka, Jan
*The True Story of the
Three Little Pigs by A.
Wolf*
Stoutenberg, Adrien
Tall Tales
Vann Allsburg, Christ
*Jumanji
The Polar Express*
Viorst, Judith
*The Tenth Good Thing
about Barney
(and other books)*
Ward, Lynd
The Biggest Bear
Yashima, Taro
Crow Boy
Young, Ed
Lon PoPo
Ziefert, Harriet
A New Coat for Anna

Non-fiction:

Aliki *Corn is Maize
Dinosaurs are Different*
Anderson, Joan
*The First Thanksgiving
Feast*
Chocolate, Deborah
Kwanzaa
Cole, Joanna
*The Magic School Bus
series*
Davidson, Margaret
I Have a Dream
Gaskin, John
Eating
Gibbons, Gail
*The Season of Arnold's
Apple Tree*
Heller, Ruth
The Reason for a Flower
McGavin, George
Bugs
Parker, Steve
The Eye & Seeing
Thomson, Ruth
Creepy Crawlies
Sachar, Louis
*Wayside School is
Falling Down*

Third Grade

Suggested list of genres and/or series

American Girl
A to Z Mysteries
Magic Tree House
Dear America
Geronimo Stilton
Great Illustrated Classics
Series of Unfortunate Events

I Survived
Historical Fiction
Poetry
Who Was Biographies
Myths/Fairy Tales/Greek Gods
Any Nonfiction of interest to your child

Fourth Grade

Realistic Fiction:

Davies, Jacqueline - *The Lemonade War*
DiCamillo, Kate - *Because of Winn-Dixie*
Lord, Cynthia - *Rules*
Palacia, R.J. - *Wonder*
Sachar, Daniel- *Holes*
Spinelli, Jerry - *Fourth Grade Rats*

Poetry:

Bagert, Brod – *Giant Children*
Creech, Sharon - *Love That Dog*

Fantasy:

Applegate, K.A. - *The One and Only Ivan*
Blume, Judy - *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
Buckley, Michael - *The Sisters Grimm Series*
Catling, Patrick Skene - *The Chocolate Touch*
Clements, Andrew – *Frindle*
Fleming, Candace - *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School*
Gaiman, Neil - *Coraline*
George, Jean Craighead - *My Side of the Mountain*
Hunter, Erin - *Seekers* series
Korman, Gordon - *Swindle*
Martin, Ann M. - *The Doll People* series
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds - *Shiloh*
Riordan, Rick - *Percy Jackson* series
Rowling, J.K. - *Harry Potter* series
Selden, George- *The Cricket in Times Square*
Selznick, Brian - *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

Historical Fiction:

Coerr, Eleanor - *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*
Probes, Jeff - *I Survived* series
Curtis, Christopher Paul - *Bud, Not Buddy*
MacLachlan, Patricia - *Sarah Plain and Tall*
Wilder, Laura Ingalls - *Little House on the Prairie* series

Biography:

Who was...? series

Classics:

Lewis, C.S. - *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*
Patterson, Katherine - *Bridge to Terabithia*
White, E.B. - *Charlotte's Web*

Mystery:

Konigsburg, E.L. - *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Raskin, Ellen - *The Westing Game*
Martin, Ann M. - *The Doll People* series

Fifth Grade

Avi	<i>Poppy and Rye</i>	Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Bishop, Claire H.	<i>Twenty and Ten</i>	Lisle, Janet	<i>Afternoon of the</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Fudge, Double</i>		<i>Elves, Many Waters</i>
	<i>Fudge, et al.</i>		<i>The Voyages of Dr.</i>
Burnett, Frances H.	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Lofting, Hugh	<i>Doolittle</i>
Cohen, Barbara	<i>Thank You, Jackie</i>		<i>The Call of the Wild,</i>
	<i>Robinson</i>	London, Jack	<i>White Fang</i>
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Dark Is Rising,</i>	Lupica, Mike	<i>Heat, Travel Team,</i>
	<i>The Grey King</i>		<i>The Big Field, etc.</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Absolutely Normal</i>	Mass, Wendy	<i>any & all</i>
	<i>Chao, Flush, et.al.</i>	Montomery, L.M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Matilda</i>		<i>and sequels</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>P.S. Longer Letter</i>	Nixon, Joan Lowery	<i>any & all</i>
	<i>Later</i>	O'Dell, Scott	<i>Sarah Bishop, Island</i>
Danziger, Paula (& Martin)	<i>Snail Mail No More</i>		<i>of the Blue Dolphin,</i>
Deneberg, Barry	<i>When Will This Cruel</i>		<i>The Black Pearl</i>
	<i>War Be Over, So Far From Home</i>		<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
Doyle, Bill	<i>Behind Enemy Lines</i>	Paterson, Katherine	<i>The Higher Power of</i>
Duncan, Lois	<i>Hotel for Dogs</i>	Patron, Susan	<i>Lucky</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>Ginger Pye</i>		<i>Hatchet, and all others</i>
Fenner, Carol	<i>Yolanda's Genius</i>	Paulsen, Gary	<i>Where the Red Fern</i>
Fleischman, Paul	<i>Whirligig</i>	Rawls, Wilson	<i>Grows, Summer of the</i>
George, Jean C.	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>		<i>Monkeys</i>
George, Jean C.	<i>Shark Beneath the</i>	Richter, Conrad	<i>The Light in the</i>
	<i>Reef</i>		<i>Forest</i>
Gilbreth, Frank	<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>	Roberts, Willo E.	<i>A View from the</i>
Gregory, Kristiana	<i>Across the Wide and</i>		<i>Cherry Tree</i>
	<i>Lonesome Prairie</i>	Schroeder, Lisa	<i>It's Raining Cupcakes</i>
Gregory, Kristiana	<i>Jimmy Spoon and the</i>	Selznick, Brian	<i>The Invention of</i>
	<i>Pony Express</i>		<i>Hugo Cabret</i>
Gregory, Kristiana	<i>The Winter of Red</i>	Sewell, Anna	<i>Black Beauty</i>
	<i>Snow</i>	Slisbury, Graham	<i>Under the Blood-Red</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>Jackie and Me, and</i>		<i>Sun</i>
	<i>The Million Dollar</i>	Snyder, Zilpha K.	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
	<i>Books</i>	Speare, Elizabeth G.	<i>The Witch of</i>
Hahn, Mary D.	<i>Daphne's Book, Wait</i>		<i>Blackbird Pond</i>
	<i>till Helen Comes, etc.</i>		<i>Milkweed</i>
Henry, Marguerite	<i>King of the Wind,</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	<i>The Rise and Fall of</i>
	<i>Misty of</i>	Trafton, Jennifer	<i>Mount Majestic</i>
	<i>Chincoteague, etc.</i>		<i>Song of the Trees</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>Out of the Dust</i>	Taylor, Mildred	<i>Around the World in</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Ghost Canoe</i>	Verne, Jules	<i>Eighty Days</i>
Keehn, Sally M.	<i>I Am Regina</i>		<i>Peppermints in the</i>
Klise, Sarah	<i>Regarding the Sink,</i>	Wallace, Barbara B.	<i>Parlor</i>
	<i>Regarding the Trees</i>		<i>Danger in Quicksand</i>
		Wallace, Bill	<i>Swamp</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up</i>	Yeo, Wilma	<i>A Girl in the Window,</i>
	<i>Files of Mrs. Basil E.</i>		<i>The Stranger at Winfield House</i>
	<i>Frankweiler</i>		

Sixth Grade

Author	Title
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Elijah of Buxton and Bud, Not Buddy</i>
Hughes, Dean	<i>Soldier Boys</i>
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>
O'Brien, Robert C.	<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Missing May</i>
Selden, George	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>
Schmidt, Gary	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Red Pony</i>
Weeks, Sarah	<i>So B. It</i>

Seventh Grade

Incoming seventh graders are required to read a minimum of two books over the summer; suggested books can be found on the Goodreads list @ www.Goodreads.com To see a list of Popular Books for seventh graders in Goodreads, visit: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/7th-grade>

When students return to school in August, each seventh grader will complete a form regarding the books he/she read.

Eighth Grade

Enjoy a summer book of your choice. Also, one assignment is due at your convenience.

Through this assignment, I would like to get to know you and find out what you like and dislike about Language Arts. Please write for me a **two paragraph "essay"** in which you introduce yourself and tell me more about your reading and writing journey thus far. I've given you some ideas and prompts below.

I. All About You

In this paragraph, tell me anything you'd like me to know about you! Feel free to include information about your family, interests, hobbies, summer plans, personality, pets, and so on. What do you think it is important for me, as your teacher, to know about you, or what do you *want* me to know about you? What are you looking forward to in eighth grade? I'm looking forward to getting to know you better throughout the school year, and this will give me a head start!

II. You and Language Arts

What are some things you like and enjoy about Language Arts? This could be reading, writing, presenting, discussing, debating, working on projects or anything else you can think of! Tell me about a short story, novel, or genre you read in sixth or seventh grade that you really liked. What are some things you dislike about Language Arts? Are there any parts of Language Arts that you find difficult or confusing? Are there any books you're looking forward to reading?

As you write, be sure to use all of those great writing skills you've been working on during your school career!

When you have finished, email it to me at kblackton@stpeterskc.org or kblackton@school.stpeterskc.org. I will send back a confirmation email stating that I received it. **This will be due Monday, August 9.** I look forward to learning more about you and hearing about your summer reading choices!

Please note: When you email me, please use your parent's email address or include your parents as recipients (i.e. "Cc" them) if using your personal email address.