

Summer Reading 2024

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

dePaola, 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 Andersen Fairy Tales

ABC Books

Counting Books

Song Books

Second Grade

Carle, Eric
Cleary, Beverly
Dadey, Debbie & Thornton, Marcia (Bailey School Kids)
Dahl, Roald
dePaola, Tomie
Howe, James
Kellogg, Steven

Fiction

Blume, Judy
The Pain and the Great One
The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo
Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing

Huck, Charlotte
Princess Furball

Kellogg, Steven
Paul Bunyan
Johnny Appleseed
Pecos Bill

Kent, Jack
Aesop's Fables

Pearson, Susan
Jack and the Beanstalk

Scieszka, Jon
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by A. Wolf

Non-fiction

Johanna Cole
Gail Gibbons

Lobel, Arnold
Martin, Bill
Osborne, Mary Pope
Parker, Barbara (Junie B. Jone series)
Parrish, Peggy (Amelia Bedelia series)
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman (Nate the Great mysteries)
Steig, William
Warner, Gertrude (Boxcar children series)

Stoutenburg, Adrien,
Tall Tales

Van Allsburg, Chris
Jumanji
The Polar Express

Viorst, Judith
Alexander and the Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Yashima, Taro
Crow Boy

Young, Ed
Lon PoPo

Zephyr, Harriet
A New Coat for Anna

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 series

Historical Fiction

Poetry

Who Was Biographies Myths/Fairy

Tales/Gree

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

Palacio, R.J.

Wonder

Sachar, Daniel

Holes

Spinelli, Jerry

Fourth Grade Rats

Poetry

Bagert, Brod

Giant Children

Creech, Sharon

Love That Dog

Historical Fiction

Coerr, Eleanor
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Probes, Jeff
I Survived series

Curtis, Christopher Paul
Bud, Not Buddy

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

Biography

Who was...? series

MacLachlan, Patricia
Sarah Plain and Tall

Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Little House on the Prairie series

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

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

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Avi <i>Poppy and Rye</i>	<i>So Far from Home</i> Doyle, Bill <i>Behind Enemy Lines</i>	Henry, Marguerite <i>King of the Wind</i> <i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>
Bishop, Claire H. <i>Fudge</i> <i>Double fudge</i>	Duncan, Lois <i>Hotel for Dogs</i>	Hesse, Karen <i>Out of the Dust</i>
Burnett, Francis H. <i>The Secret Garden</i>	Estes, Eleanor <i>Ginger Pye</i>	Hobbs, Will <i>Ghost Canoe</i>
Cohen, Barbara <i>Thank You, Jackie</i> <i>Robinson</i>	Fenner, Carol <i>Yolanda's Genius</i>	Keen, SallyM. <i>I Am Regina</i>
Cooper, Susan <i>The Dark is Rising</i> <i>The Grey King</i>	Fleischman, Paul <i>Whirligig</i>	Klise, Sarah <i>Regarding the Sink</i> <i>Regarding the Trees</i>
Creech, Sharon <i>Absolutely Normal</i> <i>Chao</i> <i>Flush</i>	George, Jean C. <i>Julie of the Wolves</i> <i>Shark Beneath The Reef</i>	Konigsberg, E.L. <i>From the Mixed-up Files</i> <i>of Mrs. Basil E.</i> <i>Frankweiler</i>
Dahl, Roald <i>Matilda</i>	Gilbreth, Frank <i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>	Levine, Gail Carson <i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Danziger, Paula <i>P.S. Longer Letter</i> <i>Later</i>	Gregory, Christiana <i>Across the Wide and</i> <i>Lonesome Prairie</i> <i>The Winter of Red Snow</i>	Lisle, Janet <i>Afternoon Of The Elves</i> <i>Many Waters</i>
Danziger, Paula and Martin <i>Snail Mail No More</i>	Gutman, Dan <i>Jackie and Me</i> <i>The Million Dollar bBooks</i>	Lofting, Hugh <i>The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle</i>
Deneberg, Barry <i>When Will this Cruel War</i> <i>Be Over</i>	Hahn, Mary D <i>Daphne's Book</i> <i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>	London, Jack <i>The Call of the Wild</i> <i>White Fang</i>

Lupica, Mike
Heat
Travel Team
The Big Field

Mass, Wendy
any & all

Odell, Scott
Sarah Bishop
Island of the Blue Dolphin
The Black Pearl

Paterson, Catherine
Bridge to Terabithia

Patron, Susan
The Higher Power of
Lucky

Paulson, Gary
Hatchet
others

Rawls, Wilson
Where the Red Fern Grows
Summer of the Monkeys

Richter, Conrad
The Light in the Forest

Roberts, Willo E.
A View From the Cherry
Tree

Schroeder, Lisa
It's Raining Cupcakes

Selznick, Brian
The Invention of Hugo
Cabret

Sewell, Anna
Black Beauty

Slisbury, Graham
Under the Blood Red Sun

Snyder, Zilpha K.
The Egypt Game

Speare, Elizabeth G.
The Witch of Blackbird
Pond

Spinelli, Jerry
Milkweed
Trafton, Jennifer
The Rise and Fall of
Mount Majestic

Taylor, Mildred
Song of the Trees

Verne, Jules
Around the World in Eighty
Days

Wallace, Barbara B.
Peppermints in The Parlor

Wallace, Bill
Danger in Quicksand
Swamp

Yeo, Wilma
A Girl in the Window
The Stranger at Winfield
House

Sixth Grade

*Reading Response requirements on the last page

Incoming sixth graders are required to read a minimum of two books over the summer, and turn in a reading response **for one of these books** when school starts in August. Some favorites are listed below, but to see a list of books specifically for your age, visit [6th Grade MUST READS \(102 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/6th_Grade_MUST_READS). Feel free to choose a book not on this list, but make sure it's a "Goldilocks" fit (not too easy that it's not challenging, but not too hard it's frustrating) so, in other words, choose a book that's just right for you!

You may also want to check out the Summer Reading Challenge starting soon at the Kansas City Public Library. It's free and all you need is a library card!

<https://kclibrary.org/reading-programs/summer/2024>

Bridsall, Jeanne
The Penderwicks

O'Brien, Robert C.
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Schmidt, Gary
The Wednesday Wars

Curtis, Christopher Paul
Elijah of Buxton
Bud, Not Buddy

Rylant, Cynthia
Missing May

Steinbeck, John
The Red Pony

Hughes, Dean
Soldier Boys

Selden, George
The Cricket in Times Square

Weeks, Sarah
So B. It

Lord, Cynthia
Rules

Seventh Eighth Grade

***Reading Response requirements are on the last page**

Incoming seventh and eighth graders are required to read a minimum of two books over the summer and turn in a reading response **for one of the books you read**; suggested books can be found on the Goodreads list: [STP Junior High Suggested Reading List](#)

You do **not** have to read books from the list above; these are only some options. Make sure your books are books you haven't read before.

You may also want to check out the Summer Reading Challenge starting soon at the Kansas City Public Library. It's free and all you need is a library card!

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Summer Reading Response

5th-8th grade

This summer, read a minimum of two books of your choice. See the summer reading list for your grade for ideas if needed. Choose **one** of these books to use for your reading response. **This assignment is due on the first day of school, August 20, 2024. This will be your first grade recorded for the 2024-25 school year!** Please write a four paragraph essay. As you write, be sure to use all of those great writing skills you have been working on during your school career!

Paragraph 1: All About You

In this paragraph, write anything you'd like your teacher 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 is important for your teacher to know about you, or what do you want your teacher to know about you? What are you looking forward to this year?

Paragraph 2: 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 about a short story, novel, or genre you read in school 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?

Paragraph 3: Respond to the book you read this summer in the next two paragraphs. Include the following:

- TAG (Title, Author, Genre)
- Why you chose this book
- 5-7 sentence summary of the book

Paragraph 4: Choose **one** of the following prompts to answer. Use text evidence to support your answer, and explain why the text evidence supports your answer. Don't forget to include page numbers.

- Which character in the book experienced the most change? Why do you think so? How did they change?
- What is the theme of the story? Need a reminder about finding the theme of a work of literature? Check out this 6 minute video for some help. [Understanding theme | Reading \(video\) | Khan Academy](#)
- Make a connection to the story:

- text-text - connect the book to another book you've read
- text-self- connect the book to something you have experienced or know about yourself
- text-world - connect the book to history, news, or anything else about the world
- Rewrite the ending of the story.
- If you were the author, what would you change and why?
- If this book became a movie, what 5 scenes would you include and why?
- Choose a scene from the book. Write it from the perspective of a different character.