



FOUNDATION ACADEMY

## Suggested Books for Summer 2018 Reading



Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer parents can help children sustain reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

Remember that children need free time, away from structured academic learning, and the summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood and a good book.

We have put together a list of suggested books for you to read to/with your child. These books are not required to be read or purchased. We encourage you to have your child read as much as possible over the summer.

Students can read at least 5 of the suggested books over the summer and fill out the Summer Reading Log (Reading Log located at the bottom of this section) initialed by their parents.\* If a student reads 10 books they could earn 2 casual days. They simply have to return the log to their classroom teacher during the first week of school to earn the free casual days.

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*\*For our Upper School (7th - 12th grade) families, we allow our more mature readers the freedom to choose books for their summer reading in their genre of choice. Please note that a reading log is not required for Upper School students. **AP students will be contacted by their teachers about any required summer reading for class.***

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Suggested List

### **Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon**

Paula Danziger

Amber learns her best friend is moving to Alabama. This book begins a series about Amber Brown.

AR Level 3.7

### **The Bad Guys**

Aaron Blabey

They sound like the Bad Guys, look like the Bad Guys, and even smell like the Bad Guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all that by breaking 200 dogs out of the Maximum Security City Dog Pound.

AR Level series is 2<sup>nd</sup> grade range

### **The Boxcar Children Mysteries**

Gertrude Chandler Warner

The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and make a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar.

AR 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level

### **Cam Jansen Series**

David A. Adler

Cam solves crimes with the help of her best friend, Eric Shelton, and her amazing photographic memory in more than 30 cases to date. The Cam Jansen books are not only exciting mystery stories, but transitional readers, meant to help students move between easy-to-read picture and chapter books. AR 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level

### **The Chocolate Touch**

Patrick Skene Catling

Instead of gold, everything John Midas touched turns to precious chocolate.

AR Level 4.7

Honors 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class – Do not read! We will read in class.

### **Clementine**

Sara Pennypacker

When sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

AR Level 4.5

### **Dog Man series**

Dav Pilkey

When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice.

AR Level 2.5 range

### **The Eagles are Back**

Jean Craighead George

This illustrated book tells the true story of a boy who helped pull the American bald eagle back from the brink of extinction by encouraging a pair of eagles to adopt an egg from Alaska.

AR Level 3.7

### **Flat Stanley**

Jeff Brown

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he's sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

AR Level 4.0

**Flora and Ulysses**

Kate DiCamillo

Self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman is not easily surprised but finding a flying, poetrywriting, superhero squirrel and meeting "profoundly strange" William Spiver puts a whole new spin on her life.

AR Level 4.3

**The Giving Tree**

Shel Silverstein

An apple tree shares all it has with a boy from the time he is very young until he is very old.

AR Level 2.6

**A Handful of Stars**

Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year-old Lily befriends Salma, a Hispanic girl whose family is in Maine for blueberry picking season, but as a local pageant approaches, the girls are confronted with the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

AR Level 4.4

**Henry and Mudge**

Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. This begins a long series of books about Henry and his dog Mudge.

AR Level 2.7

**The Hit-Away Kid**

Matt Christopher

Barry McGee, hit-away batter for the Peach Street Mudders, enjoys winning so much that he has a tendency to bend the rules, but then the dirty tactics of the pitcher on a rival team give him a new perspective on sports ethics.

AR Level 3.8

**Horrible Harry in Room 2B**

Suzy Kline

Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun. This begins a long series of books about Harry.

AR Level 3.2

**Ivy and Bean**

Annie Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

AR Level 3.2

**Jake Drake, Class Clown**

Andrew Clements

Miss Bruce is the new student teacher in Jake's second-grade class, and she never smiles. Jake has a new mission in life, to be so funny that even Miss Bruce will laugh, but then things get out of hand.

AR Level 3.4

**Magic Tree House series**

Mary Pope Osborne

Dinosaurs before Dark

This book is the first in a series. It is a time-travel fantasy in which two children encounter dinosaurs in their tree house.

AR Level 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**The One and Only Ivan**

Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

AR Level 3.6

**Owl Diaries series**

Rebecca Elliott

This adorable early chapter book series is perfect for young girls who love friendship stories starring animal characters.

AR Level 3<sup>rd</sup> grade range

**Princess in Black series**

Shannon Hale

When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black.

AR Level 3<sup>rd</sup> grade range

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**

Judy Blume

Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem--his two-year-old little brother.

AR Level 3.3

**True... Sort Of**

Katherine Hannigan

Mischievous Delly makes an unlikely friend for loner Ferris, but both Delly and Ferris have troubles, and it is their friendship that leads them to salvation in their small hometown.

AR Level 3.4

**What If You Had Animal Teeth?**

Sandra Markle

This is a fun book that depicts how a child would look and behave with the teeth of various animals.

AR Level 4.9

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Suggested List

### **The 39 Clues Series**

Various authors

The Cahills are the most powerful family the world has ever known. Grace Cahill, the matriarch of the family, left a challenge in her will for her surviving relatives. They can either take one million dollars or the first in a series of Clues that will reveal the source of the family's power. It's Cahill vs. Cahill in a race to beat the competition and be the first to assemble all 39 Clues.

AR Level 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Because of Mr. Terupt**

Rob Buyea

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by rookie teacher Mr. Terupt.

AR Level 3.7

### **The BFG**

Roald Dahl

Luckily for Sophie, the BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who carries her off is nothing like his giant neighbors who are headed for England to gobble children and must be stopped.

AR Level 4.8

### **Defiance**

Valerie Hobbs

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

AR Level 4.0

### **Eight Keys**

When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age nine, becomes disheartened by middle school and its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.

AR Level 3.8

### **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero, the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello, with other students but finds he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

AR Level 4.5

### **Fish in a Tree**

Lynda Mulally Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is dyslexic and doesn't know how to read. Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker, and with his help, Ally learns she has nothing to be ashamed of.

AR Level 3.7

### **Half Upon a Time**

James Riley

Jack's grandfather is pushing him to find a princess and get married, so when a young lady falls out of the sky wearing a shirt that says "Punk Princess" & is looking for her grandmother, who looks like the long-missing Snow White, Jack helps her. Book #1 in the series

AR Level 5.5

### **Hatchet**

Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

AR Level 5.7

**Heat**

Mike Lupica

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.

AR Level 5.3

**The Hundred Dresses**

Eleanor Estes

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

AR Level 5.4

**The Invention of Hugo Cabret**

Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

AR Level 5.1

**The Land of Stories – The Wishing Spell**

Chris Colfer

Through the mysterious powers of a book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic, where they come face-to-face with the fairytale characters they grew up reading about. Book #1 in the series

AR Level 5.0

**The Last Kids on Earth**

Max Brallier

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack

Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg. Book #1 in the series

AR Level 4.3

**Ms. Bixby's Last Day**

John David Anderson

Loving their gifted teacher, who makes them feel like the indignity of school is worthwhile, three boys are dismayed when the teacher falls ill and leaves for the rest of the school year, a situation that compels them to share their stories.

AR Level 5.2

**One for the Murphys**

Lynda Mulally Hunt

Carley struggles with being open to love after she suffers a heartbreaking betrayal that forces her to move in with a foster family.

AR Level 3.4

**Out of My Mind**

Sharon Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

AR Level 4.3

**Pax**

Sara Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox, Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

AR Level 5.3

**The Romeo and Juliet Code**

Phoebe Stone

During World War II, eleven-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

AR Level 5.3

### **The Secret Language of Girls**

Frances O'Roark Dowell

Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test. Book #1 in the series

AR Level 5.2

### **Someone Named Eva**

Joan M. Wolf

From her home in Czechoslovakia in 1942, eleven-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but she remembers her true name and history.

AR level 5.1

### **Ungifted**

Gordon Korman

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

AR Level 5.2

### **The War that Saved My Life**

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. The plot contains violence, including descriptions of child abuse.

AR Level 4.1

### **Who Was? Series**

Various authors

A series of illustrated biographies for young readers featuring significant historical figures, including artists, scientists, and world leaders.

AR Level 5<sup>th</sup> grade level books

### **Wonderstruck**

Brian Selznick

Twelve-year old Ben, whose story is told in words, loses both his mother and his hearing, and leaves home to seek the father he never knew while Rose, whose story is told in pictures, is also compelled to search for the something missing in her life.

AR Level 5.4

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Suggested List

### **All Fall Down**

Ally Carter

Daredevil Army brat Grace, the granddaughter of the world's most powerful ambassador, returns to the Embassy Row of her childhood summers to solve the mystery of her mother's death.

AR Level 4.3

### **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**

John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

AR Level 5.8

### **Hattie Big Sky**

Kirby Larson

After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

AR Level 4.4

### **Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back**

Todd Burpo

Todd Burpo shares his son's visions of heaven after a near-fatal illness, describing what Colton saw and learned about faith and love after listening to Colton's stories of his time with Jesus.

AR Level 6.3

### **I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition)**

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

AR Level 5.9

### **The Landry News**

Andrew Clements

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

AR Level 6.0

### **Making Bombs for Hitler**

Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

When Lida and her younger sister are caught and separated by the Nazis, Lida is sent to a labour camp, where she works from dawn to dusk and struggles to survive and reconnect with Larissa.

AR Level 5.2

### **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

Trenton Lee Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

AR Level 5.6

### **Sixth Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me**

Lisa Papademetriou

As she starts middle school, soccer-playing sixth-grader Allie Kimball worries about losing her best friend and being considered a "nerd" but ultimately makes important decisions about how to treat others and remain true to herself.

AR Level 4.2

**Small as an Elephant**

Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, eleven-year-old Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

AR Level 5.3

**Soul Surfer**

Bethany Hamilton

Bethany Hamilton, a 14-year-old aspiring professional surfer from Hawaii, lost her arm in a shark attack. With writer Sheryl Berk and Rick Bundschuh, a pastor whom the teen calls her spiritual advisor, she offers an upbeat chronicle of her life.

AR Level 6.0

**Through My Eyes – Young Reader's Edition**

Tim Tebow

Tim Tebow traces his path to success, discussing his childhood as the son of Christian missionaries and how his faith combined with his drive to succeed have made him the person he is today.

AR Level 6.2

Titanic – Voices from the Disaster

Deborah Hopkinson

This book draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic."

AR Level 7.4

**Uprising**

Margaret Peterson Haddix

In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike and the fire that took the lives of her friends.

AR Level 5.6

**The War Below**

Marsha Forchek Skrypuch

Fourteen-year-old Luka escapes from a brutal German slave-labor camp, desperate to make his way back through the mountains to Kiev and his father and then to find Lida, if she is still alive.

AR Level 5.2

# Summer Reading Log

Book Title	Parent Initials

(Turn in log sheet to classroom teacher during the first week of school)