



SUMMER READING RESPONSE TO LITERATURE

Dear incoming 2nd-5th grade students,

From the list below, you must choose one book to read during the summer. In order to make your summer reading more meaningful, follow your grade level directions below and write a response to what you've read. **Your written response will be graded and must be turned in to your English teacher on your first day back to school. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Incoming 2nd graders: Write a response to what you have read using the attached 2nd grade Summer Reading Assignment.

Incoming 3rd graders: Write a response to what you have read using the attached 3rd grade Summer Reading Assignment.

Incoming 4th and 5th graders: Write a response to what you have read using the attached 4th-5th grade Summer Reading Assignment.

Go on to the last page for instructions for grades 6th-8th

CHAMLIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
REQUIRED READING FOR SUMMER
(CHOOSE ONE BOOK FROM YOUR GRADE LEVEL LIST.)



INCOMING 2ND GRADERS

Nate the Great Saves the King of Sweden - Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

As Nate the Great sets to work on his first international case, he searches for a lost "something" and saves the King of Sweden from a troublesome traveler.

OR

The Magic Tree House (Any ONE book from this series) - Osbourne, Mary Pope

Morgan Le Fay, an enchantress, sends Jack and Annie, two normal children who are siblings from Frog Creek, Pennsylvania, on numerous adventures and missions with a magical tree house in order to help free Morgan from a spell, solve four ancient riddles to become Master Librarians, and save four ancient stories from being lost forever.

OR

Amelia Bedelia (Any ONE book from this series) – Parish, Peggy

The stories involve Amelia repeatedly misunderstanding various commands of her employer by always taking figures of speech and various terminologies literally, causing her to perform incorrect actions with a comical effect. However, she almost always manages to win everyone over at the end by baking a delicious pie or cake.



INCOMING 3RD GRADERS

Charlotte's Web – White, E.B

This beloved classic the story of a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider named Charlotte. When Wilbur is in danger of being slaughtered by the farmer, Charlotte writes messages praising Wilbur in her web in order to persuade the farmer to let him live.

OR

James and the Giant Peach – Dahl, Roald

The plot centers on a young English orphan boy who enters a gigantic, magical peach, and has a wild and surreal cross-world adventure with seven magically-altered garden bugs he meets. They set off on a journey to escape from James' two mean and cruel aunts.

OR

Sara, Plain, and Tall – Machlachlan, Patricia

This classic is the winner of the 1986 Newbery Medal, the 1986 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction and the 1986 Golden Kite Award. It explores themes of loneliness, abandonment, and coping with change. Set in the Midwestern United States during the late 19th century, Jacob Witting, a widowed farmer who is still saddened by the death of his wife during childbirth several years earlier, finds that the task of taking care of his farm and two children, Anna and Caleb, is too difficult to handle alone.

OR

Stuart Little –White, E.B.

A realistic fantasy about Stuart Little who, though born to human parents in New York City, "looked very much like a mouse in every way"

Any "Who Was" or "What Was" book

Historical events.

Fantastic Mr. Fox (Roald Dahl) – Dahl, Roald

A children's novel written by British author Roald Dahl. It was published in 1970, by George Allen & Unwin in the UK and Alfred A. Knopf in the U.S., with illustrations by Donald Chaffin. The first UK Puffin paperback, first issued in 1974, featured illustrations by Jill Bennett. Later editions have featured illustrations by Tony Ross (1988) and Quentin Blake (1996). The story is about Mr Fox and how he outwits his farmer neighbors to steal their food from right under their noses. In 2009, it was adapted into a film by Wes Anderson.

Ramona Quimby (any book from the series - Beverly Cleary) – Cleary, Beverly

*The **Ramona** books are a series of eight humorous children's novels by Beverly Cleary that center on Ramona Quimby, her family and friends.*



INCOMING 4TH GRADERS

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe – Lewis, C.S.

Four kids travel through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion.

OR

***The Thirteen Clocks* – Thurber, James**

A wicked Duke who imagines he has killed time, and the Duke's beautiful niece, for whom time seems to have run out, both meet their match, courtesy of an enterprising and very handsome prince in disguise.

OR

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* – Blume, Judy**

The story focuses on a nine-year-old boy named Peter Warren Hatcher and his relationship with his two-year-old brother Farley Drexel "Fudge" Hatcher.

OR

***Sideways Stories from Wayside School* - Shachar, Louis**

On the 30th floor of the wacky Wayside School is Mrs. Jewl's class. Sharie falls asleep and rolls out the window. Joe counts all wrong and gets the right answer. Calvin is sent to the 19th floor to deliver a note, but there is no 19th floor - the builder forgot it. This nutty world is built on the sort of playful twists of logic that kids love.



INCOMING 5TH GRADERS (Student will choose ONE book.)

***Rules* – Lord, Cynthia**

Twelve-year-old Catherine is coping with living with a brother with autism and a family that revolves around her brother.

OR

***The Bridge to Terabithia*– Paterson, Katherine**

Two lonely children create a magical forest kingdom.

OR

***The One and Only Ivan*– Applegate, Katherine**

This stirring and unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendships. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated novel is told from the point of view of Ivan himself.



INCOMING 6TH GRADERS

Incoming 6th graders must read one book over the summer. Upon return to school there will be a one day review of the material, followed by a short quiz on the second day of school. The quiz will be based entirely on recall and fact checking.

The Lightning Thief - Riordan, Rick

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson, a demigod, and his friends set out on a road trip to find and return Zeus' stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus.

OR

The First Rule of Punk – Perez, Celia

A wry and heartfelt exploration of friendship, finding your place and learning to rock out like no one's watching.



INCOMING 7TH GRADERS

Incoming 7th graders must read two books over the summer. Upon return to school there will be a one day review of the material, followed by a short quiz on the second day of school. The quiz will be based entirely on recall and fact checking.

Auggie and Me (Three Wonder Stories) – Palacio, R.J.

A new side to the WONDER story: three new chapters from three different characters - bully Julian, oldest friend Christopher and classmate Charlotte - giving an insight into how Auggie has touched their own lives. Published previously as digital shorts entitled THE JULIAN CHAPTER, PLUTO and SHINGALING, this collection is a thought-provoking, surprising, infuriating, heartbreaking and heartwarming must-read for the thousands of readers who loved WONDER.

The Wednesday Wars – Schmidt, Gary

A poignant coming-of-age story involving the funny misadventures of Long Island, New York seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood and his unlikely discovery of Shakespeare in the turbulent academic year of 1967-68.



INCOMING 8TH GRADERS

Incoming 8th graders must read two books over the summer. Upon return to school there will be a one day review of the material, followed by a short quiz on the second day of school. The quiz will be based entirely on recall and fact checking.

***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* – Riggs, Ransom**

The debut novel by American author Ransom Riggs. The book tells the tale of a boy who, following a horrific family tragedy follows clues that take him to an abandoned orphanage on a Welsh island. The story is told through a combination of narrative and vernacular photographs from the personal archives of collectors listed by the author.

***The Human Comedy* – Saroyan, William**

The place is Ithaca, in California's San Joaquin Valley. The time is World War II. The family is the Macauley's – a mother, sister, and three brothers whose struggles and dreams reflect those of America's second-generation immigrants...In particular, fourteen-year-old Homer, determined to become one of the fastest telegraph messengers in the West, finds himself caught between reality and illusion as delivering his messages of wartime death, love, and money brings him face-to-face with human emotion at its most naked and raw.