

**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST
FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
SHORASHIM/PRE-KINDERGARTEN
(READ-ALOUD-BOOKS)**

TITLE	AUTHOR
Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel
The Napping House	Audrey Wood
Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Bill Martin
Is Your Mama A Llama – the series	Deborah Guarino
Corduroy – the series	Don Freeman
School Bus	Donald Crens
Foot Book & others	Dr. Seuss
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
In Grandma's Arms	Jayne C. Shelton
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	John Archambault
A Busy Year	Leo Lionni
Arthur Books	Marc Brown
Big Red Barn	Margaret Wise Brown
I Like Me!	Nancy Carlson
Clifford Books	Norman Bridwell
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
More Spaghetti I Say	Rita Golden Gelman
Biscuit the Dog – the series	Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Froggy – the series	Jonathan London
Frederick	Leo Lionni
Peter's Chair	Ezra Jack Keats
Sammy Spider – the series	Sylvia A. Rouss
ABC T-Rex	Bernard Most

**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST
FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN
(READ-ALOUD-BOOKS)**

TITLE	AUTHOR
We Are Best Friends	Aliki
Biscuit Books	Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel
The Napping House	Audrey Wood
Junie B. Jones Books	Barbara Park
Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Bill Martin
Henry and Mudge Series	Cynthia Rylant
Young Cam Jansen Books	David Adler
Corduroy	Don Freeman
School Bus	Donald Crens
Foot Book	Dr. Seuss
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Curious George Books	H.A. Rey
Who Took The Farmer's Hat	Joan Nodset
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	John Archambault
A Busy Year	Leo Lionni
Arthur Books	Marc Brown
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Marcia Brown
Big Red Barn	Margaret Wise Brown
Little Critter Books	Mercer Mayer
I Like Me!	Nancy Carlson
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Are You My Mother	P.D. Eastman
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
Amelia Bedelia Books	Peggy Parish
Why Can't I Fly	Rita Gelman
More Spaghetti I Say	Rita Golden Gelman
Where Are You Little Mouse	Robert Kraus

**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST
FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
GRADE 1**

TITLE	AUTHOR
We Are Best Friends	Aliki
Biscuit Books	Alyssa Satin Capucilli
One of Three	Angela Johnson
Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel
Pippi Longstockings Series	Astrid Lundgren
The Napping House	Audrey Wood
Junie B. Jones Books	Barbara Park
Henry and Mudge Series	Cynthia Rylant
Cam Jansen Series	David Adler
Young Cam Jansen Books	David Adler
Fix and Bear Look at the Moon	David McPhail
Corduroy	Don Freeman
Little Bear Series	Else H. Minarik
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Curious George Books	H.A. Rey
Who Took The Farmer's Hat	Joan Nodset
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	John Archambault
A Busy Year	Leo Lionni
Arthur Books	Marc Brown
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Marcia Brown
Big Red Barn	Margaret Wise Brown
Nate the Great	Marjorie Sharmat
Magic Tree House Series	Mary Pope Osborne
Little Critter Books	Mercer Mayer
I Like Me!	Nancy Carlson
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Are You My Mother	P.D. Eastman
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
The Doorbell Rang	Pat Hutchins
Amelia Bedelia Books	Peggy Parish
Why Can't I Fly	Rita Gelman
More Spaghetti I Say	Rita Golden Gelman
Where Are You Little Mouse	Robert Kraus
I Went Walking	Sue Williams
Danny and the Dinosaur Series	Syd Hoff

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GRADE 2**

TITLE	AUTHOR
Frog and Toad Books	Arnold Lobel
Pippi Longstocking Series	Astrid Lindgren
The Carp in the Bathtub	Barbara Cohen
Island Boy	Barbara Cooney
Junie B. Jones Books	Barbara Park
The Keeping Quilt	Patricia Polacco
Dolphin	Robert A. Morris
"B" is for Betsy	Carolyn Haywood
The Case of the Scaredy Cats	Crosby Bonsall
Henry and Mudge Series	Cynthia Rylant
The Relatives Came	Cynthia Rylant
Cam Jansen Series	David Adler
Young Cam Jansen Books	David Adler
The Boy of the Three Year Nap	Diane Snyder
Corduroy	Don Freeman
Young Clara Barton	First Start Biography
Curious George Books	H.A. Rey
Pinky and Rex Series	James Howe
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Joanna Cole
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff
A Busy Year	Leo Lionni
Arthur Books	Marc Brown
Nine True Dolphin Stories	Margaret Davidson
Big Red Barn	Margaret Wise Brown
Joseph Who Loved the Sabbath	Marilyn Hirsch
Nate the Great	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Magic Tree House Series	Mary Pope Osborne
Little Critter Books	Mercer Mayer
The Adventures of a Taxi Dog	Debra and Sal Barracca
The Hello, Goodbye Window	Norton Juster
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
The Doorbell Rang	Pat Hutchins
Amelia Bedelia Books	Peggy Parish
The Cow Who Fell in the Canal	Phyllis Krasilovsky
Grandpa's Hotel	Riki Levinson
More Spaghetti I Say	Rita Golden Gelman
Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat	Simms Taback
Millions of Cats	Wanda Gag
Dr. DeSoto	William Steig
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig
The Story of Mimi and Simmy	Yaffa Ganz
Sneakers, the Seaside Cat	Margaret Wise Brown
Fox and His Friends	Edward Marshall

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GRADE 3**

TITLE	AUTHOR
Pippi Longstockings Series	Astrid Lindgren
Henry and Ribsy	Beverly Cleary
Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary
Ike and Mama Series	Carol Snyder
A Lion to Guard Us	Clyde Bulla
Cam Jansen Series	David Adler
Our Golda	David Adler
Encyclopedia Brown Series	Donald J. Sobol
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes
Young Clara Barton	First Start Biography
Snowflake Bentley	Jacqueline Martin
Pinky and Rex Series	James Howe
Aldo Applesauce	Johanna Hurwitz
Busybody Nora	Johanna Hurwitz
So You Want to be President	Judith St. George
John Henry	Julius Lester
Mercy Watson	Kate DiCamillo
The Legend of Freedom Hill	Linda Jacobs Altman
Sideways Stories From Wayside School	Louis Sachar
Nine True Dolphin Stories	Margaret Davidson
The Magic Tree House Series	Mary Pope Osborne
Dreamer From the Village	Michelle Markel
Artists Biography Series	Mile Venezia
Pink and Say	Patricia Polacco
Laura Ingalls Wilder: Growing Up in the Little House	Patricia Reilly Giff
Amber Brown Series	Paula Danziger
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard & Florence Atwater
The Adventure of K'tonton	Sadie Weilerstein
The Disappearing Ice Cream & Other Cases	Seymour Simon
26 Fairmount Avenue	Tomie de Paola
Spiders	Kevin J. Holmes
Five True Horse Stories	Margaret Davidson
Five True Dog Stories	Margaret Davidson
Dancing with the Manatees	Faith McNulty
Walking the Road to Freedom	Jeri Ferris
One Day in the Woods	Jean Craighead George
One Day in the Tropical Forest	Jean Craighead George

**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
GRADE 4**

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TITLE	AUTHOR
If You Lived in Colonial Times	Ann McGovern
Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
Souder	William H. Armstrong
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
Ramona	Beverly Cleary
Nancy Drew	Carolyn Keene
Encyclopedia Brown Series	Donald J. Sobol
Big Nate	Lincoln Peirce
Stuart Little	E.B. White
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Jeff Kinney
The Hardy Boys	Franklin Dixon
Percy Jackson and the Olympians	Rick Riordan
Demigods and Magicians	Rick Riordan
My Brother Sam is Dead	James & Christopher Collier
The Biography Historical Selections	Jean Fritz
Baseball Fever	Johanna Hurwitz
Blubber	Judy Blume
Letters From Rifka	Karen Hesse
Just Juice	Karen Hesse
Anastasia Series	Lois Lowry
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
Sideways Stories From Wayside School	Louis Sachar
The Journey That Saved Curious George	Louise Borden
Sports Books	Matt Christopher
Sarah, Plain and Tall Series	Patricia MacLachlan
Skylark	Patricia MacLachlan
Pink and Say	Patricia Pollacco
Fourth Grade Celebrity	Patricia Reilly Giff
Little House on the Prairie Series	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ben and Me	Robert Lawson
All-of-a-Kind Family	Sydney Taylor
Abel's Island	William Steig
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Adventures of Jeremy & Heddy Levi	Yaffa Ganz
The Dollhouse Magic	Yona Zeldis McDonough

**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST
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GRADE 5**

TITLE	AUTHOR
Poppy	Avi
Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen
What Happened to Heather Hopkowitz	Charlotte Herman
Missing May	Cynthia Rylant
Monday in Odessa	Eileen Sherman
Anne Frank: A Life in Hiding	Johanna Hurwitz
Zayda Was a Cowboy	June L. Nislick
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo
Wayside School	Louis Sachar
King of the Wind	Marguerite Henry
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Rabbit Hill	Robert Lawson
Homer Price	Robert McCloskey
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
Haym Salomon	Shirley Milgrim

**SUMMER READING LIST
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GRADE 6**

Required Reading: Read **two** of the following novels:

Al Capone Does My Shirts
The View From Saturday
When You Reach Me
The Upstairs Room

Gennifer Choldenko
E.L. Konigsburg
Rebecca Stead
Johanna Reiss

Required Assignments:

1. Imagine that your book has been made into a movie. How would you create a poster that shows something significant about the plot, tone, and/or theme of your story while simultaneously attracting a big audience? What famous actors would best the rolls? Who would direct it? Create a poster for the book the first book, thinking about the above information. On a separate sheet of paper, write a fictional review from a movie critic.
2. For your second assignment, answer the following short response questions.
 - a. Does the author try to convey a meaningful message?
 - b. What does the narrator say about the characters in the story as well as people in general?
 - c. What does the main character learn throughout the story?
 - d. The **theme** of a work of literature is the main idea. The **theme** is the point or the meaning of the work. **Theme** is NOT a moral or lesson of a **story**; it does not tell people what they should or should not do. Based on this information, what is the theme(s) of the book?

Remember to include your name, the title and the author on both assignments. Enjoy!

Recommended Reading:

The Shakespeare Stealer
My Side of the Mountain
Letters from Rifka
Daniel's Story
The Great Gilly Hopkins
A Long Way from Chicago
The Yearling
Simon Bloom: The Gravity Keeper
The Egypt Game
The Sign of the Beaver
Maniac Magee
The Mysterious Benedict Society
A Wrinkle in Time
Flora and Ulysses

Gary Blackwood
Jean Craighead George
Karen Hesse
Carol Matas
Katherine Patterson
Richard Peck
Marjorie Rawlings
Michael Reisman
Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Elizabeth Speare
Jerry Spinelli
Trenton Lee Stewart
Madeleine L'Engle
Kate DiCamillo

**SUMMER READING LIST
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GRADE 7**

Required: Read **two** of the following novels.

TITLE:	AUTHOR:
The Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen
One Fat Summer	Robert Lipsyte
Dead End in Norvelt	Jack Gantos
Moon Over Manifest	Clare VanDerPool
Iron Hearted Violet	Kelly Barnhill
Dacey's Song	Cynthia Voigt

1. Cartoon Squares: Create a series of twelve drawings in twelve squares that shows a significant event in the novel. Under each picture or cartoon, write a few lines of explanation.

2. Compose a character analysis for one of the main characters. In your work, discuss the character's strengths and weaknesses, the conflicts they face, and whether they act heroically or not. Make sure you provide textual evidence to support your thinking. The work should be one page in length, it must be double-spaced, and in twelve point font. Use the graphic organizer to help you organize your thoughts.

Recommended:

TITLE:	AUTHOR:
Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
Hoops	Walter Dean Myers
In Kindling Flame: The Story of Hannah Senesh	Linda Atkinson
The Red Pony	John Steinbeck
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare
Friedrich	Hans Peter Richter
Souder	William H. Armstrong
The Face on the Milk Carton	Caroline B. Cooney
Nobody Was Here	Alison Pollet
Shadow of a Bull	Maia Wojciechowska
Deep Blue	Jennifer Donnelly

Name: _____

Character Trait Graphic Organizer

What character traits do you notice about the character or person in your book? Does the character/person display bravery? Optimism? Curiosity? Zest? Self Control? Empathy? Or does this character display negative traits?

Character Trait	Explanation
Trait: Quote: Page #:	
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GRADE 8**

Required: Read **two** of the following novels:

TITLE:	AUTHOR:
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom
Exodus	Leon Uris
That Was Then, This is Now	S.E. Hinton
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
The Neverending Story	Michael Ende
The Green Glass Sea	Ellen Klages

Recommended:

TITLE:	AUTHOR:
All Creatures Great and Small	James Herriot
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank
The Chocolate War	Robert Cormier
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Graham
Inkheart	C. Funke

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