



Dear Parents,

Reading is one of the most important skills there is. Indeed, it is the foundation of almost all future learning for your child at Hilldale School and beyond. Families who encourage daily reading and writing will have more successful children. Your support at home is essential!

Reading experts note that most young readers suffer a back slide in reading skills during the summer down time. But that need not be the case! Families can make reading a priority during the summer. You can help your child succeed by the positive attitude you take toward reading to your child and hearing him/her read to you, by the expressive voice intonation you use, by questioning about what you and your child have read and about what your child can see in a book's pictures, and by the encouragement you express to your child as they try out their reading in a variety of venues. Please help to make reading a priority during the coming summer!

Every Hilldale student is encouraged to read as much as possible during the summer vacation. A list of suggested titles follows, and each student is **required** to independently read Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game. We will start the year off by discussing this story and doing corresponding activities during the opening days of school, so please make sure your child is ready to participate. We hope you will supplement the required reading with other books that you and your child choose from this or any other summer reading list. Children should spend some time reading every day during the summer.

Summer Reading List
Incoming First Grade

Required for all:

Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game

David Adler

Suggestions:

Sophie Mouse series*	Poppy Green	Froggy series	Jonathan London
Here's Hank series*	Henry Winkler	Little Bear series	Else Minarik
Daisy Dawson series*	Jessica Meserve	Mouse Tales	Arnold Lobel
Magic Tree House series	Mary Pope Osborne	Gus Was a Friendly Ghost	Jane Thayer
My Weird School series *	Dan Gutman	If You Give a Pig a Pancake, etc	Laura Numeroff
Junie B. Jones series	Barbara Park	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type	Doreen Cronin
Magic School Bus series	Joanna Cole, et al	Olivia series	Ian Falconer
Amelia Bedelia series	Herman Parish	A Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon
Henry and Mudge series	Cynthia Rylant	The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss
Berenstain Bears series	Stan & Jan Berenstain	Diary of a Spider, etc.	Doreen Cronin
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina	Goldie and the Three Bears	Diane Stanley
Arthur series	Marc Brown		

Additional Suggested Authors:

Mo Willems
Kevin Henkes
Jan Brett
David Shannon
Doreen Cronin
Gail Gibbons

*higher reading level