

2023 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As our school year comes to a close, we all look forward to summer, a time that affords us a chance to relax and have fun with family and friends. In addition, summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to explore great books. Our WTS students are encouraged to share the love of reading with their family! Your child may enjoy being read to, or they may wish to read on their own. No matter the choice, books will take our children to places near and far, without ever leaving home. Summer reading is the perfect vacation destination for everyone!

At White Township School, literacy is a priority at every grade level. We enlist our families help to ensure our children are reading over the summer. WTS invites students to challenge themselves as readers throughout the summer. With the help of our teachers, we have compiled suggested reading lists by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2023 summer reading log posted on our website. Remember to turn in your summer reading log in September so that we may recognize your child's efforts in the fall.

Your support and encouragement contributes to your child's love of reading and is much appreciated!

Tips for Encouraging Reading Growth—

for the summer and beyond!

Inspired by Jim Trelease, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

- Try to make sure an adult role model is seen reading daily. It works best if you read at the same time as the child.
- Allow children to choose the books they wish to read to themselves, even if they don't meet your high standards.
- Don't take that vacation car trip without recorded books on board. They count too!
- Set some time parameters, short at first and longer as children get older and read more.
- Newspapers and magazines, even comic books, count toward reading time. All of it amounts to exposure to print.
- The self-selection, self-interest factor is the important part. Let children read what interests them.

**Our lists offer suggestions,
NOT requirements.**

The goal here is to raise a lifetime reader!

Your greatest resource is **The Warren County Public Library!**

<https://www.warrenlib.org/>

Use the app to search and request a book,
download ebooks or audiobooks

[Tumble Books](#), [Capstone ebooks](#), [Big Timber Media Books](#)
It's free!

Check out the selections on our

[Early Reader Chapter Books Padlet](#)

<https://padlet.com/mulligan1/early-chapter-books-2la88yal8pbzwc2y>

**The links below are for additional
summer reading lists and tools to help
with book selection.**

***Book lists, author links and reviews:**

[Children's Book Choice Awards:](#)

<https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reader-resources/childrens-choices-list/>

***Tool to help find a book that's just right!**

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>
<https://getepic.com/promo>

***Summer reading lists by grade:**

https://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading

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Suggested Summer Reading Book List

2023

Entering Grades 3-5



Entering Grade 3

Fiction

Alien in My Pocket series by Ball
Amelia Bedelia series by Parish
Amber Brown series by Danziger
Arthur series by Marc Brown
Black Lagoon Adventures by Thaler
Boxcar Children by Warner
Cam Jansen by Adler
Capital Mysteries series by Roy
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Dalh
Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe by Springstubb
Encyclopedia Brown by Sobol
Eerie Elementary series by Chabert
Fergus and Zeke by Messner
Greetings from Somewhere by Paris
Hank the Cowdog series by Erikson
Henry Huggins series by Cleary
Humphrey series by Birney
Jigsaw Jones series by Preller
Judy Moody and Stink by McDonald
Louise, The Adventure of a Chicken by DiCamillo
Lulu Walks the Dog by Viorst
Magic Tree House series by Pope Osbourne
Magic School Bus series
Marvin Redpost series by Sachar
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series by MacDonald
My Life in Pictures by Zemke
Ramona series by Cleary
Ready Freddy series by Klein

Nonfiction

DK Readers (Level 2-3)
I Can Read Books (Level 2 or 3)
Step into Reading Series (Level 3)
Time for Kids (Level 2 or 3)
National Geographic Kids (levels 3-4)
True Book Series

Biography

Don't You Dare Shoot That Bear by Quackenbush
Log Cabin in the Woods by Henry
Vanished by Kulling
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Fritz
Who Was? series by various authors

Entering Grades 4-5

Fiction

All's Faire in Middle School (graphic novel) by Jamieson
Ballpark Mysteries by Kelly
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
The Borrowers (Series) by Norton
Bunnicula (Series) by Howe
Champ by Jones
Coraline by Gaiman
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, (Series) by Kinney
Doll Bones by Black
Hardy Boys (Series) by Dixon
Hello, Universe by Kelly
I Survived Series by Tarshis
Jake Maddox Survival series by Maddox
The Littles (Series) by Peterson
Lost and Found by Clements
Lunch Money by Clements
May Bird, (Series) by Anderson
Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism by Byng
My Weird School by Gutman
Nicky Fifth (Series) by Willever
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Riordan
Room One by Clements
School's Out by Hurwitz
Spiderwick Chronicles by DiTerlizzi and Black
The Secrets of Droon by Abbott
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Barnhill
The BFG by Roald Dahl
The Kingdom Keepers series by Pearson
The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by DiCamillo
The Puppy Place Series by Miles
The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet by Deeby
The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Lous Sachar
The Tail of Emily Windsnap series by Kessler
The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer
Tracing Stars by Moulton
Warriors Series by Hunter
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Wish by O'Connor

Entering Grades 4-5

Historical Fiction

A Day of Tears by Lester
By the Great Horn Spoon by Fleishman
Caddie Wodlawn by Brink
Crow Calls by Lowry
Dash by Larson
Duke by Larson
Dear America Series
Emily's Fortune by Naylor
Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Taylor
Mr. Tucket by Paulsen
Nine Open Arms by Lindelauf
Nory Ryan's Song by Giff
May B. by Rose
One Came Home by Timberlake
Out of the Dust by Hesse
Soldier's Heart by Paulsen
Something Upstairs by Avi
The Cabin Faced West by Fritz
Titanic Crossing by Williams
Thunder at Gettysburg by Gauch
The Winter People by McMahon

Entering Grades 4-5

Biographies/Informational

Amelia Earhart by Stone
And Then What Happened Paul Revere? by Fritz
(and other selections by Fritz)
Boy by Dahl
Eleanor Roosevelt by Freedman
The Great Fire by Hort
Helen Keller by Garrett
Jacob's Rescue by Drucker & Halperin
Marie Curie, A Brilliant Life by MacLead
Parallel Journeys by Ayer
The Real Benedict Arnold by Murphy
Through My Eyes by Bridges
Who Was? series by various authors