

# 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!

## Find "Just Right Books" with the FIVE FINGER RULE!

Choose a book and read the first page or two. Put one finger up for every word you don't know. If five of your fingers go up while reading, choose another book. If only two or three fingers go up, you've found a "just right" book.

**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,**  
**It's free!**

**Check out the selections on our**  
**Early Reader Chapter Books Padlet**  
<https://padlet.com/mulligan1/early-chapter-books-21a88yal8pbzwc2y>

**The links below are for additional summer reading lists and resources to help with summer reading selections.**

**\* Book recommendations by grade level:**  
<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/>

**\*Books and reviews, author links, reading lists, and book-inspired activities:**  
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

**\*Tool to help find a book that's just right:**  
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

**\* Children's reading lists by grade level and topic/genre:**  
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

# WHITE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

## Suggested Summer Reading Book List

# 2023

## Entering Grades K-2



## Picture Books to Read with Children Entering Kindergarten

*At the Zoo* by Johnson  
*Autumn Leaves* by Ken Robbins  
*The Big Hungry Bear* by Wood  
*Click Clack Moo* by Cronin  
*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Barrett  
*Color Zoo* by Ehler  
*Daddy, Could I have an Elephant?* by Wolf  
*Do You Want To Be My Friend?* by Carle and other Eric Carle selections  
*Dogs* by Levin  
*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Williams  
*Duck on a Bike* by Shannon  
*Elephant and Piggie* series by Willems  
*Go, Dog Go!* by Eastman  
*Happy* by Thomas  
*How I Became a Pirate* (Selections) by Long  
*I Am* by Adria Klein  
*I Like Me* by Carlson  
*If You Give a Moose* (Series) by Numeroff  
*In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Fleming  
*Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Guarino  
*The Itsy, Bitsy Spider* by Frost  
*Inch* by Lionne  
*Kiss it Better* by Oram  
*Leo the Late Bloomer* by Kraus  
*Look What I Can Do* by McBratney  
*Lyle* (Series) by Waber  
*Mama Do You Love Me?* by Joose  
*Mother Goose* by Sierra  
*No, David!* by Shannon  
*Oh Cats* by Buck  
*Piggie Pie!* by Palatini  
*Poems for the Very Young* by Rosen  
*Row, Row, Row Your Boat* by Frost  
Selected books by Mem Fox  
*Shapes* by Marshall  
*The Three Little Pigs* by Seibert  
*8 Little Planets* by Ferrie

## Entering Grade 1

### Fiction

*All Fall Down* by Barrett  
*Are You My Mother?* by Eastman (or any book in the series)  
*Arthur's Tooth* by Brown  
*Bill and Pete Stories* (Series) by DePaola  
*Biscuit* (Series) by Capucilli  
*Caps for Sale* by Slobodkina  
*Clack, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Cronin  
*Clifford* (Series) by Bridwell  
*Curious George* by H. A. Hey  
Dr. Seuss (Selections)  
*Duck on a Bike* by Shannon  
*Elephant and Piggie* (Series) by Willems  
*Franklin* (Series) by Bourgeois  
*Froggy* (Series) by London  
*Go, Dog, Go* by Eastman  
*Hello Reader Books*, Levels 1&2  
*Hi! Fly Guy* series by Arnold  
*High Rise Private Eyes* by Rylant  
*I'll Always Love You* by Waber  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Numeroff  
*Little Bear* (Series) by Minarik  
*Mary had a Little Glam* by Saucer  
*Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by DiCamilo  
*Pete the Cat* (Series) by Litwin  
*Peter's Neighborhood* (Series) by Keats  
*Poppleton* by Rylant  
*Sam and Jack: Three Stories* by Wood  
*Spectacular Science: A Book of Poems* by Hopkins  
*Spot* (Series) by Hill  
*The Day the Crayons Quit* by Wemberly  
*Worried* by Henkes

### Nonfiction

Books by David Adler  
Books by Ruth Heller  
Books by Gail Gibbon  
*Eyewitness Junior Books*  
*Hello Reader* (Levels 1-3)  
*National Geographic Kids* (Level 1)

## Entering Grade 2

### Fiction

*A is for Amber Brown* by Danzinger  
*Amanda Pig* (Series) by Van Leeuwen  
*Amelia Bedelia* series by Parish  
*Arthur* picture books series by Brown  
*Bink and Gollie Best Friends Forever* by DiCamillo  
*The Critter Club* series by Barkley  
*Danny and the Dinosaur* by Hoff  
*Elephant and Piggie* series by Willems  
*Frog and Toad* series by Lobel  
*Gooney Bird Greene* by Lowry  
*Henry and Mudge* series by Rylant  
*Hi! Fly Guy* series by Arnold  
*It Came from Beneath the Bed* by Howe  
*Magic Puppy (Magic Kitten, etc)* series by Bentley  
*Miss Nelson* series by Adler  
*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series by Rylant  
*Owl Diaries* series by Elliott  
*Pete the Cat* picture book series by Litwin  
*Peter's Neighborhood* series by Keats  
*Princess in Black* series by Hale  
*Rainbow Magic* series by Meadows  
*Soupy Saturdays with Pain and the Great One* by Bloome  
*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain* by Dalglish  
*The Great Pet Escape* by Jamieson  
*The Giving Tree* by Silverstein  
*The Magic Tree House* series by Osborne  
*The Sly Spy* by Sharmat  
*Young Cam Jansen* series by Adler

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*Hello Reader* (Levels 1-3)  
*National Geographic Kids* (Levels 1-3)  
*Scholastic Reader* (Levels 1-3)  
*Time for Kids* (Levels 1-3)

### Folk Tales & Fairy Tales

*Aesop's Fables* by Pinkney  
*Beautiful Blackbird* by Bryan  
*Johnny Appleseed* by Kellogg