

2025 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 lists of suggested titles by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2025 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 (scroll down to
eBooks for Children & Teens

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 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://bookwizard.scholastic.com/>

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

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Suggested Summer Reading Book List

2025

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 Joesse
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 DiCamillo
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

Nonfiction

Books by David Adler, Ruth Heller or Gail Gibbon
Eyewitness Junior Books
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