Dear Parents,

Our summer vacation months are quickly approaching. The students have worked so hard during the school year and developed good habits of lifelong reading. We need to continue to build stamina in our student reading habits.

For our students in Pre-K through grade 2, we need to read to our children for a sustained period of time daily. This time should be a period of at least 20 minutes. Students in these grade levels need a period of time each day to handle books on their own, preferably picture books that you have already read aloud. Let the students make up their own story line to match the pictures.

Students in grades 3-9 should be reading at least one chapter book/novel a week. Suggestions that are grade appropriate follow.

The more students read, the better they read. Help your child to be successful by encouraging them to read this summer.

Grades Pre-K-2

- Miss Nelson Is Missing by Harry Allard and James Marshall
- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus and Jose Aruego
- Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parrish
- Curious George by H.A. Rey
- Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Mar Simont
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodknia
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- The Napping House by Audrey Wood and Don Wood
- Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion and Margaret Bloy Graham

Read-Alouds

- Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
- Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
Favorite Authors

- Tomi DePaulo
- Leo Leonni
- Kevin Henkes
- Peggy Parish
- Eric Carl
- Beverly Cleary
- Laura Numeroff
- Jon Scieszka
- Margaret Wise Brown
- Mo Willems
- David Shannon
- Maurice Sendak
- Helen Lester
- Rosemary Wells
- Tedd Arnold
- Doreen Cronin
- Eric Litwin

Grades 3-5

- Pippi Longstocking  Astrid Lindgren
- Number the Stars  Lois Lowry
- Homer Price  Robert McCloskey
- Bridge to Terabithia  Katherine Paterson
- Esperanza Rising  Pam Munoz Ryan
- Holes  Louis Sachar
- Call It Courage  Armstrong Sperry
- The One and Only Ivan  Katherine Applegate
- Black-Eyed Susan  Jennifer Armstrong
- Poppy  Avi
- The Summer of the Swans  Betsy Byars
- Frindle  Andrew Clementa
- The Magician’s Boy  Susan Cooper
- Bud, not Buddy  Christopher Curtis
- The Tiger Rising  Kate DiCamillo
- The Miraculous Journey of Ed Tulane  Kate DiCamillo
- Harriet the Spy  Louise Fitzhugh
- Coraline  Nell Galman
- Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library  Chris Grabenstein
- The Phantom Tollbooth  Norton Juster
- Hatchet  Gary Paulsen
- The Westing Game  Ellen Raskin
- Stargirl  Jerry Spinelli
• Maniac Magee
  • Beyond the Bright Sea
  • Brown Girl Dreaming

Favorite Authors

• Patricia Polacco
• Lois Lowry
• Jerry Spinelli
• Kate DiCamillo
• Mildred D. Taylor
• Beverly Cleary
• Judy Blume
• Lemony Snicket
• James Patterson
• Roald Dahl
• Jon Scieszka
• R.L. Stine
• Jeff Kinney
• Wendy Maas
• Sharon Creech
• Carl Hiaasen
• Ann M. Martin
• Jane O’Connor
• Raina Telgemeier
• Dav Pilkey

Grades 6-7-8

• Little Women
• Julie of the Wolves
• M.C. Higgins, the Great
• The Outsiders
• The Giver
• The Witch of Blackbird Pond
• Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
• Moonlight Over Manifest
• Night
• Breaking Stalin’s Nose
• The Rainbow People
• The Pigman
• The Book Thief

• Louisa May Alcott
• Jean Craighead George
• Virginia Hamilton
• S.E. Hinton
• Lois Lowry
• Elizabeth George Speare
• Mildred D. Taylor
• Clare Vanderpool
• Elie Wiesel
• Eugene Yelchin
• Laurence Yep
• Paul Zindel
• Markus Zusak
Favorite Authors

- Jerry Spinelli
- Kate DiCamillo
- Mildred D. Taylor
- Judy Blume
- Katherine Paterson
- James Paterson
- Madeline L’Engle
- Suzanne Collins
- Marissa Meyer
- Neil Gaiman
- Meg Cabot
- Anthony Horowitz
- Jeff Kinny
- Brandon Mull
- Sharon Creech
- Carol Hiaasen
- Chris Colder
- Scott Westerfield