

**Lower School - Recommended Summer Reading**

**Grades 1 – 2**

Picture Books & Early Fiction

- The Antlered Ship by Daska Slater
- Mr. Popper’s Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater
- Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick
- Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon
- Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
- Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan
- Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller
- Bird Builds a Nest by Martin Jenkins
- The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken
- Chu’s Day by Neil Gaiman
- Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
- Little Elliot picture books by Mark Curato
- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match /Marisol McDonald no combina by Monica Brown
- Now by Antoinette Portis
- Pete the Cat early readers by James Dean
- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin & James Dean
- Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin & James Dean
- Stellanluna by Janell Cannon
- Sometimes You Fly by Katherine Applegate
- Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev
- The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
- We’re All Wonders by R.J. Palacio

- What Do You Do with an Idea? By Kobi Yamada

Grades 1– 2 Series

- Arthur by Marc Brown
- Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner
- Absolutely Alfie by Sally Warner
- Buddy and Earl by Maureen Fergus
- Captain Underpants by Dav Piley
- Elephant & Piggie by Mo Willems
- Fly Guy by Ted Arnold
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton
- Henry & Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
- Ling & Ting by Grace Lin
- Little Bear by ElseMinarek
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Mr. Putter & Tabby by Cynthia Rylant
- Nancy Clancy by Jane O’Connor
- Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott
- The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale

Grades 1 – 2 Suggested Authors

- Ludwig Bemelmans
- David Biedrzycki
- Jan Brett
- Eric Carle
- Maryann Cocca-Lefluer
- Doreen Cronin
- Anna Dewdney
- Kevin Henkes

- Oliver Jeffers
- Jarrett Kroszcka
- Brian Lies
- Laura Numeroff
- Todd Parr
- Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Maurice Sendak
- Dr. Seuss
- Mo Willems
- Karma Wilson
- Salina Yoon

Grades 1 – 2 Biography & Non-Fiction

- A Butterfly is Patient by Dianna Hutts Aston
- Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles by Patricia Valdez
- Little People, Big Dreams biographies by Isabel Sanchez Vegara
- Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed
- National Geographic Kids early reader books by various authors
- Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes
- A Rock is Lively by Dianna Hutts Aston
- She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton
- The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever by H. Joseph Hopkins
- The Truth About Hippos: Seriously Funny Facts About Your Favorite Animals by Maxwell Eaton III
- When Green Becomes Tomatoes by Julie Fogliano

**Grade 3**

Picture Books & Fiction

- The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat
- The Boy and the Whale by Mordicai Gerstein
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- The Doll People by Ann M. Martin
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
- How the Finch Got His Colors by Annemarie Riley Guertin
- The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- Inspector Flytrap by Tom Angleberger
- The Invention of the Hugo Cabaret by Brian Selznick
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
- Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
- Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
- Sisters by Raina Telgemeier
- Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez
- The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Grade 3 Series

- The Adventures of Pug by Laura James

- Amber Brown by Paula Danziger
- Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce
- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- Curious McCarthy by Tory Christie
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Dog Man by Dav Piley
- Dork Diaries by Rachel Russell
- Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol
- Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate

DiCamillo

- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- Humphrey by Betty Birney
- I Survived by Lauren Tarshis
- Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows
- The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope

Osborne

- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales by Nathan Hale
- Princess Pulverizer by Nancy Krulik
- Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows
- Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary
- Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary
- Sideways Stories From Wayside

School by Louis Sachar

- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- Thirty Nine Clues by various authors

### Grade 3 Suggested Authors

- David Biedrzycki
- Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Matt Christopher
- Beverly Cleary
- Andrew Clements
- Maryann Cocca-Lefluer
- Roald Dahl

- Kate DiCamillo
- Jarrett Kroszka
- Brian Lies
- Ann M. Martin
- Patricia Polacco
- Shel Silverstein
- E. B. White

### Grade 3 Biography & Non-fiction

- Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer by Diane Stanley
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson
- One Fun Day with Lewis Carroll: A Celebration of Wordplay and a Girl Named Alice by Kathleen Krull
- Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee! by Andrea Loney
- Who Was/ Who Is biographies series by various authors

### **Grades 4-5**

#### Fiction

- Ms. Bixby's Last Day by J.D. Anderson
- A Boy Called Bat by E. Arnold
- The Terrible Two by M. Barnett
- Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume
- The Bad Guys #1 by Aaron Blabey
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- Frindle by A. Clements
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- Science Comics: Volcanoes by J. Chad

- All Rise for the Honorable Perry T.

Cook by L. Connor

- The Watsons Go to Birmingham.
- Dahl, Roald. Matilda by Christopher

Paul Curtis

- Raymie Nightingale by K. Dicamillo
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- The Maze Runner by James Dashner
- What Elephants Know by E. Dinerstein
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton

Juster

- The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate by

J. Kelly

- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

by C.S. Lewis

- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth

Grahame

- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
- The Sword and the Stone by T.H. White
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil

E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Call of the Wild by Jack London
- A Handful of Star by C. Lord
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott

O'Dell

- Waylon! One Awesome Thing by S.

Pennypacker

- Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
- Framed: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery by J.

Ponti

- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson

Rawls

- Ghost by J. Reynolds
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Holes by Louis Sachar

- The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson

Elementary by L. Shovan

- Stuart Little by E.B. White

- Wolf Hollow by L. Wolk

#### Grades 4-5 Non-Fiction

- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline

Woodson

- Amelia Lost: The Life and

Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by

Candace Fleming

- The Boston Tea Party by Russell

Freedman

- Abraham Lincoln and Frederick

Douglass by Russell Freedman

- The Impossible Rescue: The True Story

of an Amazing Arctic Adventure by Martin

Sandler

- Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah

Edmonds: Civil War Hero by Marissa Moss

- Growing Up Pedro: How the Martinez

Brothers Made It from the Dominican

Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues

by M. Tavares

- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How

Maria Merian's Art Changed Science by

Joyce Sidman

- Trash Revolution: Breaking the Waste

Cycle by Erica Fyvie

#### Grades 4-5 Suggested Authors

- J.K. Rowling

- Roald Dahl

- Rick Riordan

- Jeff Kinney

- Cressida Cowell