

2020 ELC & Lower School Summer Reading

Summer reading is an important part of your child's reading education. Research has shown that reading over the summer helps children maintain the skills and strategies they have developed during the school year, and puts them on the right track for the upcoming school year. Students entering the Toddler Program -Grade 3 do not have required summer reading; however, we have included some suggestions and links to find other book lists to explore. We encourage reading together as a family and even accomplished readers enjoy having someone read to them.

REQUIRED READING FOR GRADES 4 AND 5: (Students should bring their books the first day of school.)

Entering Grade 4: *Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord

Entering Grade 5: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

WEBSITES TO HELP YOUR FAMILY FIND BOOKS FOR DIFFERENT AGE LEVELS AND TOPICS OF INTEREST:

www.readacrossamerica.org/kids-summer-reading-list/ - lists and activities from the National Education Association

www.commonensemedia.org – recommendations for books and other media

www.readbrightly.com – book lists and printables by age group

www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens - recommendations, reviews, lists for all ages

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FROM THE WEBSITES ABOVE:

Early Learners (Ages 3-5)

Cannonball by Sascha Cotter

Cat, Dog, Dog by Nelly Buchet

Don't Worry Little Crab by Chris Haughton

Everyone's Awake by Colin Meloy

From My Window by Otavio Junior

Happy to be Nappy by Bell Hooks

Honeybee by Candace Fleming

I am Enough by Grace Byers

I Found a Kitty by Troy Cummings

Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

The Elephant's Umbrella by Laleh Jaffari

The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee

The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart

The Yawns Are Coming by Christopher Eliopoulos

This is a Dog by Ross Collins

Growing Readers (Ages 6-8)

Chick and Brain: Egg or Eyeball? by Cece Bell

Dragons and Marshmallows: Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

Dream Builder: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon by Kelly Staling Lyons

How to Solve a Problem: The Rise & Fall of a Rock-Climbing Champion by Ashima Shiraishi

I am Leonardo da Vinci by Brad Meltzer

Iggy Peck and the Mysterious Mansion by Andrea Beaty

Jack at the Zoo by Mac Barnett & Greg Pizzoli

Jasmine Green Rescues a Piglet Called Truffle by Helen Peters

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

On Wings of Words: The Extraordinary Life of Emily Dickinson by Jennifer Berne

Thank You Helpers by Patricia Hegarty

The Not Bad Animals by Sophie Corrigan

The President of the Jungle by Andre' Rodrigues

Unicorn Academy Series by Julie Sykes

When You Look Up by Guillermo Decurgez

Independent Readers (Ages 9-12)

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell

Kate the Chemist: The Big Book of Experiments by Kate Biberdorf

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian

Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park

Santiago's Road Home by Alexandra Diaz

Surprising Lives of Animals: How They Can Laugh, Play and Misbehave by Anna Claybourne

The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead

The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate

The Pathfinders Society Series by Francesco Sedita and Prescott Seraydarian

The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jameson and Omar Mohammed

Wink by Rob Harrell