Lehrman
Community Day School

LEHRMAN SUMMER READING



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Books to Introduce the Topic of Beginning School
Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
1st Day of School by Mercer Mayer
You Go Away by Dorothy Corey
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
Tomorrow I'll Be Brave by Jessica Hische
Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
Rosie Goes to Preschool by Karen Katz

Rhyming Books
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Giraffes Can't Dance
Goodnight Moon
Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See
Little Blue Truck
Goodnight Goodnight Construction Site

Books with Repetition
The Pout Pout Fish
Pete the Cat
If You Give a Pig a Pancake

Interactive Books
Press Here
Tap Tap Tap
From Head to Toe
Tap the Magic Tree

Please remember these are only suggestions. The most important factor is that you and your child choose books that you both enjoy!

RISING
KINDERGARTEN

The Summer is for rest, relaxation… and reading!

We are often asked the question, "How can I prepare my child for reading in Kindergarten?" Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to starting at an early age. Children enjoy being read to and it is a special bonding time for you and your child.

Children love a trip to your local library where they can get their own library card and check out books. A fun experience for the whole family is a visit to Miami Dade main library in downtown Miami. The library is housed in a historic building and the children's section has an incredible selection.

Here are some suggestions to read this summer.

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Books About Me
- I Like Me! By Nancy L. Carlson
- Owen by Kevin Henkes
- It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr

Folktales and Fairy Tales
- Three Little Pigs by James Marshall
- Three Billy Goats Gruff by Peter Christen Asbornsen
- Chicken Little by Steven Kellogg

Rhyming Books
- Dr. Seuss books
- Down by the Bay by Bernard Westcott
- The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen

Predictable and Repetitive Books
- Silly Sally by Audrey Woods
- No David! By David Shannon
- Bark George by Jules Feiffer

Books About Starting Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Rocks by Katie Davis
- The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing
- Planet Kindergarten by Sue Ganz Schmitt

Mo Willems
- Elephant & Piggie, The Pigeon, Knuffle Bunny…

any Mo Willems books

Non-fiction books about subjects your child is interested in.

RISING
GRADE 1

This summer we have one MAJOR 'assignment' for you to do with your child! READ TOGETHER! As your child approaches first grade the most important readiness skill you can give them is simply to read to them. The interactive process of reading together is the best investment you can make in the future of your child. Not only does reading aloud with your child form the basis of literacy and positive feelings about reading, but the latest research shows countless benefits such as:

Learning Benefits
Supports cognitive development
Increases vocabulary
Increases general knowledge
Expands understanding of the world
Develops language and listening skills
Stimulates imagination

Behavioral Benefits
Supports attention and focus
Calms hyperactivity
Quells aggression
Helps children think about feelings
Helps children use words to describe feelings
Helps the child learn to control behavior

Even if your child is reading fluently, please do not overlook the benefits of reading to your child. Other options are: have your child read a page and then you read a page; family members take turns reading a story together; try to read to or with your child daily at scheduled times—before bedtime is great! If you skip a night or two don't be discouraged—just try to read together as much as you can at anytime.

Have a great summer! Please see below for some book suggestions. The best advice, however, is to read the books your child loves! We will handle the technical reading instruction in the fall. Find topics your child is interested in and let them guide the way. We want reading to take them to new and exciting places.

Recommended Books:
Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Gossie by Olivier Dunrea
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox by Grace MacCarone
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Puppy Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Any of the Step into Reading book series (Levels 1-3)
Any of the Clifford book series by Norman Bridwell
Any of the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems
Any of the Berenstain Bears series by Sharon and Jan Berenstain
Any of the Pete the Cat series by Eric Litwin
Any of the Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold
Any of the Dr. Seuss books
Any of Kay Thompson's Eloise Ready-to-Read series

RISING
GRADE 2

Every rising second grader is required to read:

***Henry and Mudge The First Book* by Cynthia Rylant**

While you read, think about these questions:

Characters: Who are the main characters in the story?
Setting: Where does the story take place?
Plot: (for fiction, of course) What happens at the beginning of the story? What happens in the middle of the story? What happens at the end of the story?

We will begin the year with an activity that will allow you to respond to the summer reading books.

Then when we read together our first book of the year, we will delve into character, setting and plot.

Other Recommended Books:

Easier Readers
Young Cam Jansen (Series) by David Adler
Henry and Mudge (Series) by Cynthia Rylant
Dr. Seuss Books
Nate the Great (Series) by Marjorie Sharmat
Frog and Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel
Poppleton (Series) by Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby (Series) by Cynthia Rylant
I Can Read (Series)
Middle Level Readers
Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne
Fly Guy (Series) by Tedd Arnold
Mercy Watson (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
Horrible Harry (Series) by Suzy Kline
Princess Pink (Series) by Noah Jones
Bink and Gollie (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
Boris (Series) by Andrew Joyner
The Princess in Black (Series) by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
Owl Diaries (Series) by Rebecca Elliot
Higher Level Readers
Ivy and Bean (Series) by Annie Barrows
Stink (Series) by Megan McDonald
Encyclopedia Brown (Series) by Leroy Brown
Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure by Jeff Brown
Wayside School (Series) by Louis Sachar
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

RISING
GRADE 3

Every rising third grader is required to read:

***Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume**

When your child returns to school in August, one of the first reading skills/strategies we will be discussing at length is character traits. Please ask your child to keep this in mind as s/he reads over the summer. Once this lesson has been taught, your children will be expected to connect it to a character they read about over the summer.

Other Recommended Books:

Any book by Andrew Clements except Frindle and Troublemaker
Any book by Beverly Cleary
Any book by Roald Dahl
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
The One and Only Ivan Series by Katherine Applegate
Mr. Lemoncello's Library series by Chris Grabenstein
The Candymakers Series by Wendy Mass
Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot
Trapped in a Video Game Series by Dustin Brady
The Secret Lake by Karen Ingis
Wish by Barbara O'Connor

RISING
GRADE 4

Every rising fourth grader is required to read:

***The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies**

Of course, the more reading the better! Please be prepared during the the first week of school, to discuss with the class and write (in-class) a short summary of the favorite novel you read this summer. You may bring the book with you, of course, so you may want to go to the library and take it out in time; if you bought it, remember to pack it in your back-pack!

Other Recommended Books:
Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
(any book from series)
Cupcake Dairies by Coco Simon
The Landry News by Andrew Clements
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Amelia Writes Again by Marissa Moss (or any Amelia Book)
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke
Aesop's Fables by Michael Hague
(or any version of Aesop's fables

RISING
GRADE 5

Every rising fifth grader is required to read:

***Greetings From Witness Protection* by Jake Burt**

Of course, the more reading the better! Please be prepared to bring your books to school with you. We will discuss the books and complete an activity or two with the novel that was your favorite during the first week of school.

Other Recommended Books:
Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Savvy by Ingrid Law
The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill
Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett
The Grand Plan to Fix Everything by Uma Krishnashwami
Under the Egg by Lara Fitzgerald
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by Christopher Healy
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan
Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Handbook for Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM by Robert O'Brien
Benjamin Franklinstein Lives by Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Better Nate Than Never by Tim Federle
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Elizabeth Coatsworth
Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park