**PreK-K-Grade 1 Recommended Reading**

**Alphabet/Counting/Pattern Books**Counting Crows – Kathi Appelt
Firefighters A to Z - Chris L. Demarest
The Racecar Alphabet - Brian Floca
Time for Bed (other titles)- Mem Fox
Alphablock (series) - Christopher Franceschelli
Ten Red Apples - Pat Hutchins
Once Upon an Alphabet – Oliver Jeffers
Brown Bear, Brown Bear (other titles) - Bill Martin
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom – Bill Martin
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten (series) - Joseph Slate

**Picture Books**Sam and Dave Dig a Hole (other titles) – Mac Barnett
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs - Judi Barrett
Madeline’s Rescue (Caldecott) (series) – Ludwig Bemelmans
The Airport Book – Lisa Brown
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (other titles) – Virginia Lee Burton
Maybe Something Beautiful – Isabel Campoy
Stellaluna - Janell Cannon
Diary of a Worm (other titles) – Doreen Cronin
The Day the Crayons Quit (sequel) – Drew Daywalt
Last Stop on Market Street (Caldecott) (Newbery) – Matt de la Pena
Fin M’ Coul (other titles) - Tomie dePaola
Strega Nona (series) – Tomie dePaola
Gaston (sequel) – Kelly DiPucchio
Du Iz Tak? (Caldecott) – Carson Ellis
Olivia (series) - Ian Falconer
The Sound of Silence – Katrina Goldsaito
Waiting (Caldecott) (other titles) – Kevin Henkes
Goodnight, Already! (other titles) – Jory John
This Is Not My Hat (Caldecott)(other titles) - Jon Klassen
The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf
Warning: Do Not Open This Book! (sequel) - Adam Lehrhaupt
Inch by Inch (other titles) - Leo Lionni
Make Way for Ducklings (Caldecott) – Robert McCloskey
Mango, Abuela, and Me - Meg Medina
Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons – Jon Muth
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (series) – Laura Numeroff
Good Night Owl (other titles) – Greg Pizzoli
What Pet Should I Get? (other titles) – Dr. Seuss
A Sick Day for Amos McGee (Caldecott) - Philip & Erin Stead
Brave Irene - William Steig
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble (Caldecott) - William Steig
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat - Simms Taback
Jumanji (Caldecott) (other titles) - Chris Van Alsburg
They All Saw a Cat (Caldecott) – Brian Wenzel
Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (series) – Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny (series) – Mo Willems

**Nonfiction**A Nest is Noisy – Diana Aston
Very Hungry Caterpillar (other titles) - Eric Carle
Red-Eyed Tree Frog - Joy Cowley
The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life - Lois Ehlert
Locomotive (Caldecott) - Brian Floca
Boat Book (other titles) - Gail Gibbons
Plants Can’t Sit Still – Rebecca Hirsch
Creature Features (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick
Me… Jane (Caldecott) – Patrick McDonnell
Book of Trucks (other titles) - Seymour Simon
Can I Eat That? – Joshua Stein

**Beginning Reading/Early Chapter Books**Don’t Throw It To Mo! (sequel) – David Adler
Fly Guy (series) – Tedd Arnold
Padington (I Can Read series) – Michael Bond
Biscuit (I Can Read series) – Alyssa Capucilli
Pete the Cat (series) – James Dean
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer
Andy and Sandy (series) – Tomie dePaola
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes
Ling and Ting (series) – Grace Lin
Little Bear (series) – Else Minarik
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen
Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read series) – Herman Parish
Henry and Mudge (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant
High-Rise Private Eyes (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Splat the Cat (series) – Rob Scotten
A Pig in a Wig (series) – Emma Virjan
Elephant and Piggie (series) – Mo Willems
Duck, Duck, Porcupine! (sequel) – Salina Yoon
**For the first week of school, Pre-K and Kindergarten students are asked to:** Come to school ready to tell us all about your favorite books!

**For the first week of school, First Graders are asked to:** Have read at least **twelve** books. Books listed represent different reading levels, with some more challenging than others.
Turn in a list of summer readings, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with permission of parents.

**GRADE 2 Recommended Reading**

**Fiction**Young Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler
Anna Hibiscus (other titles) - Atinuke
Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows
Ada Twist, Scientist (other titles) – Andrea Beaty
Wagon Wheels - Barbara Brenner
Flat Stanley (series) - Jeff Brown
The Golly Sisters (series) - Betsy Byars
Spunky Tells All - Ann Cameron
The Catcher’s Mask: A Peach Street Mudders Story (series) - Matt Christopher
The Trouble with Chickens: A J. J. Tully Mystery - Doreen Cronin
The Chicken Squad (series) – Doreen Cronin
Diary of a Worm (series) - Doreen Cronin
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer
Mercy Watson (series) - Kate DiCamillo
Iris and Walter (series) - Elissa Haden Guest
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale
Bramble and Maggie (series) – Jesse Haas
Benny and Penny (series) - Geoffrey Hayes
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes
Houndsley and Catina (series) - James Howe
The Horse in Harry’s Room - Sid Hoff
Riverside Kids (series) - Johanna Hurwitz
Invisible Inkling (sequel) - Emily Jenkins
Nine Lives of Aristotle - Dick King-Smith
Horrible Harry (series) - Suzy Kline
Ling and Ting (series) - Grace Lin
Frog and Toad (series) - Arnold Lobel
Sarah, Plain and Tall (series) - Patricia MacLachlan
Fox and His Friends (series) - James Marshall
Battle for St. Michaels - Emily Arnold McCully
Triple Pet Trouble (series) – Megan McDonald
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen
Magic Tree House (series) - Mary Pope Osborne
Piper Green (series) – Ellen Potter
High-Rise Private Eyes (series) - Cynthia Rylant
Henry and Mudge (series) - Cynthia Rylant
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (series) - Julie Sternberg

Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series) – Judith Viorst
Elephant and Piggie series – Mo Willems

**Nonfiction**Queen of the Falls – Chris van Allsburg
Trombone Shorty – Troy Andrews
Caroline Arnold’s Animals (series) - Caroline Arnold
Sharks (Fly Guy Presents) -Tedd Arnold
Snakes (other titles)- Nic Bishop
Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh - Robert Burleigh
Magic School Bus (series) - Joanna Cole
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas – Lynne Cox
I (Don’t) Like Snakes – Nicola Davies
Giant Squid – Candace Fleming
Locomotive (Caldecott) – Brian Floca
Never Smile at a Monkey (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
Snowflake Bentley (Caldecott) - Jacqueline Martin
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick
Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride – Pam Munoz Ryan
Cats (other titles) – Seymour Simon
So You Want to Be President? – Judith St. George

**Folk Tales/ Fairy Tales**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears (Caldecott) - Verna Aardema
Once a Mouse (Caldecott) - Marcia Brown
Bloom – Doreen Cronin
The Gingerbread Boy - Paul Galdone
Anansi the Spider (Caldecott) - Gerald McDermott
Jabuti the Tortoise - Gerald McDermott
The Talking Eggs - Robert D. San Souci
Squids Will Be Squids – Jon Scieszka

**Poetry**Tomie dePaola’s Book of Poems – Tomie dePaola
Shiver Me Timbers (other titles) – Douglas Florian
When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano
Firefly July – Paul Janeczko
When We Were Young (other titles) – A. A. Milne
The Frog Wore Red Suspenders (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein
Runny Babbit: a Silly Book (other titiles) - Shel Silverstein

**For the first week of school, Second Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read at least **twelve** books. Books listed represent different reading levels, with some more challenging than others.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with permission of parents.

**GRADE 3 Recommended Reading**

**Fiction**
Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series) – Tom Angleberger
Mr. Popper’s Penguins - Richard Atwater
Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows
Tornado - Betsy Byars
Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit (trilogy) - Joan Carris
The Year of the Book (series) – Andrea Cheng
Henry Huggins (or any Henry or Ramona book) - Beverly Cleary
Bink and Gollie (series) – Kate DiCamillo
Francine Poulet Meets the ghost Raccoon – Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo
A Toad for Tuesday - Russell Erickson
My Father’s Dragon (series) – Ruth Stiles Gannett
Chet Gecko, Private Eye (series) - Bruce Hale
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale
Dory Fantasmagory (series) – Abby Hanlon
Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth’s Diary (or other books in My America series) - Patricia Hermes
Goof-off Goalie (Gym Shorts series) - Betty Hicks
Piper Reed: Navy Brat (series) - Kimberly Willis Holt
Traitor in Williamsburg (American Girl Mysteries) - Elizabeth McDavid Jones
The Phantom Tollbooth - Norman Juster
Lady Lollipop - Dick King-Smith
My Happy Life (series) – Rose Lagercrantz
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud hart Lovelace
Gooney Bird (series) – Lois Lowry
Judy Moody and Stink (series) – Megan McDonald
Lulu and the Duck in the Park (series) - Hilary McKay
The First Case (series) – Ulf Nilsson
Magic Tree House (series) – Mary Pope Osborne
Amelia Bedelia Goes Wild (series) – Herman Parish
Clementine (series) - Sara Pennypacker
Cobble Street Cousins (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Marvin Redpost (series) - Louis Sachar
Gully's Travels - Tor Seidler
The Cricket in Times Square - George Selden
Abel's Island - William Steig
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series) - Geronimo Stilton
Nate the Great (series) – Marjorie Sharmat
Akimbo (series) - Alexander McCall Smith
The Great Cake Mystery - Alexander McCall Smith
All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor
Bake Sale (graphic novel) – Sara Varon
Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series) - Judith Viorst
The Story of Diva and Flea – Mo Willems

**Nonfiction**
Childhood of Famous Americans (series) - Aladdin Paperbacks
A Medieval Feast - Aliki
Lizards (other titles) – Nic Bishop
26 Fairmont Avenue (series) – Tomie DePaola
Giant Pandas (other titles) - Gail Gibbons
Who Is - Who Was - What Was . . . Biography series - Grosset & Dunlap
Best Book of Big Cats (series) - Christiane Gunzi
The Remarkable Benjamin Franklin - Cheryl Harness
How the Sphinx Got to the Museum – Jessie Hartland
Eye to Eye (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth - Kathryn Lasky
Magic Tree House Research Guides - Mary Pope Osborne
Frank and Lucky Get Schooled – Lynne Rae Perkins
Dinosaur Mountain – Deborah Ray
Whose Eye Am I? – Shelley Rotner
Neighborhood Sharks – Katherine Roy
Franklin and Winston: A Christmas that Changed the World - Douglas Wood

**Poetry**
Insectlopedia (other titles) - Douglas Florian
When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano
Firefly July (other titles) - Paul Janeczko
Now We Are Six (other titles) – A. A. Milne
Ride a Purple Pelican (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky
Swirl by Swirl (other titles) - Joyce Sidman
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst

**Folk Tales/Myth**
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - Verna Aardema
Paul Bunyan (other titles) - Steven Kellogg
Fables - Arnold Lobel
The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great (Knights’ Tales series) - Gerald Morris
Tales from the Odyssey (series) - Mary Pope Osborne Dark Emperor and Other poems of the Night (Newbery) (other titles) – Joyce Sidman
Squids Will Be Squids - Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

**For the first week of school, Third Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read a minimum of **five**books chosen from at least **three** different categories. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Substitutions may be made with permission of parents.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading, signed by parents, including the title and author of each selection.

**GRADE 4 Recommended Reading**

**Realistic Fiction**
The Penderwicks (series) – Jane Birdsall
The Lemonade War (series) - Jacqueline Davies
Because of Winn-Dixie - Kate DiCamillo
Mandy – Julie Edwards
The Saturdays (series)- Elizabeth Enright
Junonia – Kevin Henkes
Melonhead (series) – Katy Kelly
Pippi Longstocking (series) – Astrid Lindgren
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud Hart Lovelace
Comeback Kids (series) - Mike Lupica
Juana and Lucas – Juana Medina
Adventures with Waffles – Maria Parr
Jake and Lily - Jerry Spinelli
Ballet Shoes (series) – Noel Streatfield
All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor
The Trouble with Tuck (sequel) – Theodore Taylor

**Historical Fiction**
The Whipping Boy (Newbery)– Sid Fleischman
Jackie and Me (series) - Dan Gutman
Misty of Chincoteague (Newbery) (series) - Marguerite Henry
Ben and Me - Robert Lawson
The Doll Shop Downstairs (sequel) - Yona Zeldis McDonough
Hannah’s Journal: the Story of an Immigrant Girl (series) - Marissa Moss
Little House in the Big Woods (series) – Laura Ingalls Wilder
Dear America Series (any title) - Scholastic Books
Childhood of Famous American Series – Various Authors

 **Fantasy/Mystery**
 Pals in Peril Tales - M. T. Anderson
Poppy (series) - Avi
Indian in the Cupboard (series) - Lynn Reid Banks
Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Mistaken Identity (series) - Mac Barnett
The Children of Green Knowe (series) - L. M. Boston
The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
A Nest for Celeste - Henry Cole
The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
The Magician’s Elephant - Kate DiCamillo
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series) - Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Half Magic (series)- Edward Eager
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy – Karen Foxlee
Toad Rage (series) - Morris Gleitzman
Mr. and Mrs. Bunny - Detectives Extraordinaire! (sequel) - Polly Horvath
The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew Mystery Series) – Carolyn Keene
Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep (The Princess Tales series) - Gail Carson Levine
Nathaniel Fludd Beastologist (series) - R. L. LaFevers
The People in Pineapple Place (series) - Anne Lindbergh
The Doll People (series) - Ann Martin
Secrets at Sea - Richard Peck
Nuts to You – Lynne Rae Perkins
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
Rowan of Rin (series) - Emily Rodda
The Time Warp Trio (series) - Jon Scieszka

**Nonfiction**
Childhood of Famous Americans (any title) - Aladdin Paperbacks
Australian Animals (other titles) - Caroline Arnold
The Journey That Saved Curious George - Louise Borden
Who Is –Who Was – What Was… Biography Series – Grosset & Dunlap
Animals by the Numbers (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
Volcano (other titles) - Patricia Lauber
Sally Ride – Sue Macy
Swimming with Hammerhead Sharks (other titles) - Kenneth Mallory
Encounter the Saints (series) - Pauline Books and Media
Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower – Greg Pizzoli
Saturn (other titles) - Seymour Simon
Joan of Arc - Diane Stanley
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet

**Myths/Fairy Tales/Poetry**
Aesop’s Fables – Aesop
D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D’Aulaire
The Death of the Hat (other titles) - Paul Janeczko
The McElderry Book of Greek Myths - Eric Kimmel
American Tall Tales - Mary Pope Osborne
A Pizza the Size of the Sun – Jack Prelutsky
Cut From the Same Cloth - Robert D. San Souci
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein
Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible verse (other titles) – Marilyn Singer
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst
Gone Fishing (sequel) – Jamara Wissinger

**For the first week of school, Fourth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read at least **four** of the recommended books from the list. After reading four books from the list, substitutions may be made with permission of parents.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading signed by parents including the title and author. **You will receive special fourth grade tickets for each book you read.**

**GRADE 5 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein.

If you wish, you may also read the sequel – Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics!
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 51 copies

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction**

El Deafo (graphic novel)(Newbery) - Cece Bell
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall
The Secret Garden – Francis Hodgson Burnett
The Incredible Journey - Sheila Burnford
Dear Mr. Henshaw (Newbery)(sequel) - Beverly Cleary
No Talking - Andrew Clements
Real Friends (graphic novel) – Shannon Hale
Sun and Spoon - Kevin Henkes
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Newbery) - E.L. Konigsburg
The Year of the Dog (series) - Grace Lin
Touch Blue - Cynthia Lord
Half a Chance - Cynthia Lord
Comeback Kids (series) – Mike Lupica
The Candymakers (sequel) - Wendy Mass
Binny for Short (series) - Hilary McKay
Shiloh (series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Turtles of Oman - Naomi Nye
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
Banner in the Sky (Newbery) - James R. Ullman
The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place (series) - Maryrose Wood

**Historical Fiction**
The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech
The Door in the Wall (Newbery) - Marguerite DeAngeli
The Star of Kazan - Eva Ibbottson
Titanic (and other series) - Gordon Korman
Inside Out and Back Again ( Newbery) - Thanhha Lai
Jip - Katherine Paterson
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg - Rodman Philbrick
Washington City is Burning - Harriette Robinet
May B - Caroline Rose
Esperanza Rising - Pam M. Ryan
My Name is America (series) - Scholastic Books
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott) - Brian Selznick
The Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George Speare
Arcady’s Goal - Eugene Yelchin

**Fantasy/Mystery/Myth**
Finding Serendipity (series) – Angelica Banks
The 100-year-old Secret (Sherlock Files series) - Tracy Barrett
The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley
Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School (series) - Andrew Clements
D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D’Aulaire
Flora & Ulysses (Newbury) - Kate DeCamillo
Honus and Me (Baseball Card Adventure series) - Dan Gutman
The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (series) - Christopher Healy
Emily Windsnap (series) - Liz Kessler
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) - Grace Lin
Bliss (series) - Kathryn Littlewood
The Sixty-Eight Rooms (sequel) - Marianne Malone
Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair (series)- Wendy Mass
Candymakers (sequel) – Wendy Mass
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Newbery)(series) - Robert O’Brien
The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root - Christopher Pennell
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
Septimus Heap (series) - Angie Sage
"Who Could that Be at This Hour?" (series) - Lemony Snicket
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart
The Thickety (series) - J.A. White

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**
Dangerous Planet: Natural Disasters that Changed History - Bryn Barnard
Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart - Candace Fleming
Lincoln (Newbery) - Russell Freedman
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt - Jean Fritz
Heroes of Baseball - Robert Lipsyte
Cathedral - David Macaulay
Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous photograph – Roxane Orgill
Around the World (graphic novel) - Matt Phelan
The Autobiography of a Kid - Jerry Spinelli
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet
Gorilla Doctors (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner

**For the first week of school, Fifth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read at least **three** books from the list – **one** required and at least **two** others.
 2. Write a letter to Chris Grabenstein, the author of Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library. Tell the author about yourself. Explain your feelings and questions about the story. Be specific and give details to support your reaction. The letter should be one page in length.
3. Make a cover for your letter which includes a scene from the book.
4. Turn in a list of summer readings signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**Grade 6 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Winner)
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 46 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction / Mystery**
I Kill the Mockingbird – Paul Acampora
Chasing Vermeer (trilogy) - Blue Balliett
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall
Masterpiece – Elise Broach
Moo (other titles) - Sharon Creech
Raymie Nightingale – Kate Di Camillo
London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd
Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper
Absolutely Truly – Heather Frederick
Space Case (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs
Absolutely Almost – Lisa Graff
My Louisiana Sky - Kimberly Willis Holt
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt
Roller Girl (graphic novel) – Victoria Jamieson
The Great Greene Heist (sequel) – Varian Johnson
Rules - Cynthia Lord
The Only Game (series) – Mike Lupica
Rain Reign – Ann Martin
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass
Wonder (sequel)– R.J. Palacio
Hatchet (series) - Gary Paulsen
Paint the Wind - Pam M. Ryan
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart

**Historical Fiction**
The Shakespeare Stealer (trilogy) - Gary Blackwood
The War That Saved My Life (Newbery) – Kimberly Bradley
Stella by Starlight – Sharon Draper
The Black Stallion (series) – Walter Farley
Lily’s Crossing (Newbery)(series)– Patricia Reilly Giff
Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (graphic novel)(series) – Nathan Hale
Our Only May Amelia (Newbery) (sequel) - Jennifer Holm
Hero on a Bicycle – Shirley Hughes
The Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mysteries series) - Caroline Lawrence
Anne of Green Gables (series) – L. M. Montgomery
Kensuke’s Kingdom (other titles)- Michael Morpurgo
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O’Dell
On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck
The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(trilogy) - Mildred Taylor

**Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**
The One and Only Ivan ( Newbery) - Katherine Applegate
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley
The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black
Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita
The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer
The Illiad –Gillian Cross
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan
Inkheart (series) - Conelia Funke
The Gammage Cup (Newbery) - Carol Kendall
Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law
Ella Enchanted (other titles) – Gail Carson Levine
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (series) - C.S. Lewis
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) – Grace Lin
Bliss (series) – Kathryn Littlewood
A Snicker of Magic - Natalie Lloyd
The Door by the Staircase – Katherine Marsh
11 Birthdays (series) – Wendy Mass
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series and all other series) - Rick Riordan
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) – Lemony Snicket
The Egypt Game (newbery) (sequel) – Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The Secret Keepers – Trenton Lee Stewart
Odysseus in the Serpent Maze - Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**
Terrible Typhoid Mary – Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman
Give Me Liberty (other titles) – Russell Freedman
The Endless Steppe - Esther Hautzig
The Story of Salt - Mark Kurlansky
Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Anita Silvey
The Frog Scientist (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner
Big Top Burning – Laura Woollett

**For the first week of school, Sixth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the **two** other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**Grade 7 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Title available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 32 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction/ Mystery**
Close to Famous – Jane Bauer
My name is Parvana (series) - Deborah Ellis
The Honest Truth – Dan Geimeinhart
My Side of the Mountain (series) – Jean Craighead George
Spy School (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs
Lost in the Sun – Lisa Graff
New Kid (other titles) – Tim Green
Theodore Boone (series) – John Grisham
The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton
One for the Murphys – Lynda Hunt
Fish in a Tree – Lynda Hunt
Listen, Slowly – Thanhha Lai
Fast Break (series) – Mike Lupica
A Mango-shaped Space (other titles) – Wendy Mass
Greenglass House – Kate Milford
The Red Pencil – Andrea Pinkney
Murder Is Bad Manners (series) – Robin Stevens
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk

**Historical Fiction**Fever 1793 - Laurie Anderson
Al Capone Does My Shirts (series) – Gennifer Choldenko
Chasing Secrets - Gennifer Choldenko
Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier - Ying Chang Compestine
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple - Karen Cushman
Homesick, My Own Story - Jean Fritz
Salt – Helen Frost
Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery) - Jack Gantos
The Great Trouble – Deborah Hopkinson
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata
Weedflower - Cynthia Kadohata
Lions of Little Rock – Kristin Levine
Little White Duck: A Childhood in China (graphic novel) – Andres Martinez
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
A Single Shard - Linda Sue Park
When My Name Was Keoko - Linda Sue Park
Heart of a Samurai (Newbery)(sequel) – Margi Preus
The Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes Mystery (series) - Nancy Springer
The Romeo and Juliet Code (sequel) – Phoebe Stone
Moon Over Manifest (Newbery) - Clare Vanderpool
Paperboy (Newbery) – Vince Vawter

**Fantasy/Myths/Folklore**Nick of Time - Ted Bell
Jinx (series) – Sage Blackwood
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan
Princess Academy (other titles) - Shannon Hale
13 Treasures (series)- Michelle Harrison
Warriors (series) - Erin Hunter
Beauty - Robin McKinley
Keys to the Kingdom (series) - Garth Nix
The Boundless – Kenneth Opel
The Nest – Kenneth Opel
Eragon (series) – Christopher Paolini
Archer’s Quest – Linda Sue Park
Pax – Sarah Pennypacker
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (other titles) - Rick Riordan
Echo: A Novel – Pam Nunoz Ryan
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series) - Michael Scott
The Silver Bowl - Diane Stanley
Emerald Atlas (trilogy) – John Stephens
The Bartimaeus Trilogy - Jonathan Stroud
Demon Dentist (other titles) – David Walliams

**Classics**
Watership Down - Richard Adams
The Odyssey – Gillian Cross
Gris Grimly’s Tales from the Brothers Grimm – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
Across Five Aprils (Newbery) – Irene Hunt
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain
Around the World in Eighty Days - Jules Verne
The Sword in the Stone - T. H. White

**Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**Trapped – Marc Aronson
Emancipation Proclamation – Tonya Bolden
Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) – James Brown
Presenting Buffalo Bill – Candace Fleming
Cheaper by the Dozen (sequel) – Frank Gilbreth
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson
The Mysterious Universe (Any of the Scientists In The Field series) - Ellen B. Jackson
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution - Ji-li Jiang
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever of 1793 - Jim Murphy The Great Fire – Jim Murphy
Bomb (Newbery) – Steve Sheinkin
Port Chicago 50 – Steve Sheinkin
Team Moon, How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon - Catherine Thimmesh
Brown Girl Dreaming (Newbery) – Jacqueline Woodson
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

 **For the first week of school, Seventh Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others from the recommended list.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

4. Turn in a list of all summer reading signed by parents. Include the title and author of each selection.

**8th Grade Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**
**All students must read:**The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen. If you wish, you may read the trilogy!
This title is available in paperback and as an e-book. MCPL has 73 copies.

**Recommended Reading**
**Realistic Fiction/Mystery**Crossover (Newbery) (sequel) – Kwame Alexander
The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place – Julie Berry
Heist Society (series) – Ally Carter
Cat Among the Pigeons (other titles) – Agatha Christie
Mockingbird - Kathryn Erskine
Rush for the Gold (other titles) – Rush Feinstein
Belly Up (series) – Stuart Gibbs
Spy School (series) – Stuart Gibbs
Olive’s Ocean - Kevin Henkes
Hoot – Carl Hiaasen
Every Soul A Star (other titles) – Wendy Mass
Scorpions - Walter Dean Myers
Eye of the Crow (other titles) – Shane Peacock
A Girl Called Problem – Katie Quirk
Counting by 7s – Holly Sloan
Stargirl (sequel)- Jerry Spinelli
The Pearl - John Steinbeck
Homecoming (series) – Cynthia Voigt

**Historical Fiction**Little Women (series) - Louisa May Alcott
Chains (series) - Laurie Halse Anderson
The Boy Who Dared - Susan Campbell Bartoletti
The Boy in Striped Pajamas – John Boyne
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave – John Boyne
Caminar – Skila Brown
Under a War-Torn Sky (sequel) – L.M. Elliott
Johnny Tremain (Newbery) – Esther Forbes
Jason’s Gold - Will Hobbs
Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt
A Million Shades of Gray - Cynthia Kadohata
Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson
A Soldier’s Secret – Marissa Moss
Mira’s Diary – Marissa Moss
A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck
Criss Cross (Newbery) – Lynne Rae Perkins
Before the Creeks Ran Red - Carolyn Reeder
The Hired Girl – Laura Amy Schlitz
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy - Gary D. Schmidt
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor
Climbing the Stairs - Padma Venkatraman
My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve

**Fantasy and Myth**The Night Gardener – Jonathan Auxier
The Seeing Stone (trilogy) - Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm (Newbery) - Nancy Farmer
Kon Tiki - Thor Heyerdahl
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz
Airborn (trilogy) - Kenneth Oppel
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (sequel) – Rick Riordon
Echo: A Novel – Pam Munoz Ryan
The Riverman (trilogy) - Aaron Starmer
First Light - Rebecca Stead
The Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland (series) – Catherynne Valente
20,000 Leagues under the Sea - Jules Verne

**Autobiography/Biography/ Nonfiction**Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) - James Brown
The Silent Spring - Rachel Carson
The Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat (YA Ed.) - adapted by Richie Chevat
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth - James Cross Giblin
The Many Rides of Paul Revere - James Cross Giblin
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler – Phillip Hoose
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary – Gail Jarrow
Years of Dust: the Story of the Dust Bowl - Albert Marrin
Black Diamond: Story of Negro Baseball Leagues - Patricia McKissack
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America - Jim Murphy
Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World’s Most Dangerous Weapon - Steve Sheinkin
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War - Steve Sheinkin
The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team – Steve Sheinkin
Chasing Lincoln's Killer - James Swanson
I Am Malala (YA Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Eighth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **three** books - **one** required and at least **two** others.

2. Be prepared to discuss and take a quiz in class on the required book, The False Prince (Book One of the Ascendance Trilogy) by Jennifer A. Nielsen.

3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the two other books from the recommended reading list. Half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

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