**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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