**GRADE 2 Recommended Reading**

**Fiction**

Young Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler

Anna Hibiscus (other titles) – Atinuke

Triangle (sequel) – Mac Barnett

Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows

Ada Twist, Scientist (other titles) – Andrea Beaty

Wagon Wheels - Barbara Brenner

Flat Stanley (series) – Jeff Brown

King and Kayla (series) – Dori Butler

The Golly Sisters (series) - Betsy Byars

Spunky Tells All - Ann Cameron

The Catcher’s Mask: A Peach Street Mudders Story (series) - Matt Christopher

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (series) – Ben Clanton

The Trouble with Chickens: A J. J. Tully Mystery - Doreen Cronin

The Chicken Squad (series) – Doreen Cronin

Diary of a Worm (series) – Doreen Cronin

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors – Drew Daywalt

Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer

Mercy Watson (series) - Kate DiCamillo

Baabwaa and Wooliam – David Elliott

Owl Diaries (series) – Rebecca Elliott

Iris and Walter (series) - Elissa Haden Guest

Bramble and Maggie (series) – Jesse Haas

The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale

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

Robinson – Peter Sis

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 (Caldecott) – Troy Andrews

Caroline Arnold’s Animals (series) - Caroline Arnold

Sharks (Fly Guy Presents) -Tedd Arnold

My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay – Cari Best

Snakes (other titles)- Nic Bishop

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

This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe

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

My First Book of Football (series) – Sports Illustrated

So You Want to Be President? (other titles) – 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

In a Small Kingdom – Tomie dePaola

The Gingerbread Boy - Paul Galdone

Anansi the Spider (Caldecott) - Gerald McDermott

Jabuti the Tortoise - Gerald McDermott

After the Fall – Dan Santat

The Stinky Cheese Man (Caldecott) – 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 (sequel)(other titles) - Shel Silverstein

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

1. Have read at least **ten** books. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

**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
* Narwhal: Unicorn of the sea (series) – Ben Clanton
* 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
* 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
* Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series) - Geronimo Stilton
* Nate the Great (series) – Marjorie Sharmat
* Akimbo (series) - Alexander McCall Smith
* All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor
* Bake Sale (graphic novel) – Sara Varon
* Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series) - Judith Viorst
* Stuart Little – E.B. White
* The Story of Diva and Flea – Mo Willems

**Nonfiction**

* Childhood of Famous Americans (series) - Aladdin Paperbacks
* 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
* A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White – Barbara Herkert
* Science Comics (series) – Andy Hirsch and various authors
* Eye to Eye (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
* This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe
* 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
* Emmanuel’s Dream – Laurie Thompson
* Malala’s Magic Pencil – Malala Yousafzai
* 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 at least **five**of the recommended books from the list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

**GRADE 4 Recommended Reading**

**Realistic Fiction**

* The Penderwicks (series) – Jane Birdsall
* The Lemonade War (series) - Jacqueline Davies
* Because of Winn-Dixie (Newbery) - 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
* Dear America Series (any title) - Scholastic Books
* I Survived (series) – Lauren Tarshis
* Childhood of Famous American Series – Various Authors
* Little House in the Big Woods (series) – Laura Ingalls Wilder

**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 (Newbery) – 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
* The 13-Story Treehouse (series) – Andy Griffiths
* 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
* Toto: the Dog-gone Amazing Story of the Wizard of Oz – Michael Morpurgo
* 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
* Grand Canyon (Caldecott) – Jason Chin
* Who Is –Who Was – What Was… Biography Series – Grosset & Dunlap
* Science Comics (series) – Andy Hirsch and various authors
* 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
* Brave Red, Smart Frog – Emily Jenkins
* The McElderry Book of Greek Myths - Eric Kimmel
* Pinocchio: In His Own Words – Michael Morpurgo
* 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. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

**You will receive special fourth grade tickets for each book you read.**

**GRADE 5 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**

**All students must read:**Hello, Universe by Erin Kelly (2017 Newbery Medal Winner)

Title available in paperback, audiobook and e-book. MCPL has 30 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
* The Goat – Anne Fleming
* Real Friends (graphic novel) – Shannon Hale
* 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 (Newbery)(series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
* The Turtles of Oman - Naomi Nye
* Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
* The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place (series) - Maryrose Wood

**Historical Fiction**

* The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech
* The Door in the Wall (Newbery) - Marguerite DeAngeli
* 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 (Newbery) - 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 (sequel) – 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 (Newbery) - Kate DeCamillo
* Honus and Me (Baseball Card Adventure series) - Dan Gutman
* The Song from Somewhere Else – A.F. Harrold
* 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
* Hidden Figures (picture book) – Margot Shetterly
* 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. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

2. Write a letter to Erin Kelly, the author of Hello, Universe. 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 reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection.

**Grade 6 Summer Reading**

**Required Reading**

**All students must read:**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Medal Winner)

Title available in paperback, audiobook and 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
* Real Friends – Shannon Hale
* 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)(sequel) – 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 (Newbery) - Scott O’Dell
* On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck
* The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss
* Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor
* Bronze and Sunflower – Cao Wenxuan

**Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**

* The One and Only Ivan (Newbery) - Katherine Applegate
* Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
* The Wonderling – Mira Bartok
* Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley
* The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black
* Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita
* The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer
* Wizards of Once – Cressida Cowell
* The Illiad – Gillian Cross
* Inkheart (series) - Conelia Funke
* Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law
* A Wrinkle in Time (Newbery) – Madeline L’Engle
* Ella Enchanted (Newbery)(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
* Orphan Island – Laurel Snyder
* 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. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

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. One 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 summer reading with parental signature, including 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, audiobook and e-book.

MCPL has 58 copies.

**Recommended Reading**

**Realistic Fiction/ Mystery**

* Close to Famous – Jane Bauer
* Raymie Nightingale – Kate DiCamillo
* My name is Parvana (series) - Deborah Ellis
* The Honest Truth – Dan Geimeinhart
* My Side of the Mountain (Newbery)(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
* Slider – Pete Hautman
* The Outsiders (sequel) - 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
* Chester and Gus – Cammie McGovern
* Greenglass House (sequel) – Kate Milford
* The First Rule of Punk – Celia Perez
* The Red Pencil – Andrea Pinkney
* Murder Is Bad Manners (series) – Robin Stevens
* The Mysterious Benedict Society – Trenton Lee Stewart
* Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk

**Historical Fiction**

* Fever 1793 - Laurie Anderson
* Al Capone Does My Shirts (Newbery)(series) – Gennifer Choldenko
* Chasing Secrets - Gennifer Choldenko
* Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier - Ying Chang Compestine
* Salt – Helen Frost
* Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery) - Jack Gantos
* Penny from Heaven – Jennifer Holm
* The Great Trouble – Deborah Hopkinson
* Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata
* Weedflower (other titles) - 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 (Newbery) - 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
* Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk

**Fantasy/Myths/Folklore**

* 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
* The Silver Bowl - Diane Stanley
* Emerald Atlas (trilogy) – John Stephens
* Nevermoor – Jessica Townsend
* Demon Dentist (other titles) – David Walliams

**Classics**

* The Illiad – Gillian Cross
* 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
* Inside of a Dog (YA edition) – Alexandra Horowitz
* 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
* The Plot to Kill Hitler – Patricia McCormick
* 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

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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. One 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 summer reading with parental signature, including 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, audiobook and e-book. MCPL has 50 copies.

**Recommended Reading**

**Realistic Fiction/Mystery**

Crossover (Newbery) (series) – 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) – John Feinstein

Belly Up, Spy School and Space Case (series) – Stuart Gibbs

Olive’s Ocean (Newbery) - Kevin Henkes

Hoot – Carl Hiaasen

QB1 (other titles) – Mike Lupica

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

Ghost (series) – Jason Reynolds

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

The Night Diary – Veera Hiranandani

Jason’s Gold - Will Hobbs

Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt

A Million Shades of Gray (other titles) - Cynthia Kadohata

Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson

A Soldier’s Secret – Marissa Moss

Mira’s Diary – Marissa Moss

Auma’s Long Run – Eucabeth Odhiambo

My Brigadista Year – Katherine Paterson

A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck

Criss Cross (Newbery) – Lynne Rae Perkins

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

My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve

Wolf Hollow (Newbery) – Lauren Wolk

**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

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz

The Giver (Newbery)(series) – Lois Lowry

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 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

Unbroken (YA edition) – Laura Hillenbrand

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

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