

Summer "Knights"

Summer is a time for catching fireflies and staring at the stars. It is also a time for rereading favorite books and sharing books with a friend. We read at the beach, on a screened porch, at camp and under a slow turning fan. Reading takes us to new places, introduces us to new friends, and teaches us new information. Take time to become an expert on something, to explore the local libraries and book stores, and to share your reading.

- Send a postcard to a relative and tell them about a great book.
- Make masks for the main characters in your story.
- Make a map of your story, noting where different story events take place.
- Write and illustrate an alphabet book based on a place you visit or a subject you study. Each letter could stand for a term about the subject of your book.

Book recommendations for students entering:

Grade 1

Authors

Dr. Seuss
Jan Brett
Ezra Jack Keats
Mem Fox
Robert Kraus
Don Freeman
Lois Lenski
Russell Hoban
Bernard Waber
Rosemary Wells
Leo Lionni

Books

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Morris the Moose
Madeline (series)
Babar (series)
Story of Ferdinand
Anansi Folktales
Tales of Peter Rabbit
Little Bear
Danny and the Dinosaur
Arthur (series) Brown
Caps for Sale
Story of Ferdinand

Poetry

Eve Bunting
Nursery Rhymes
Mother Goose

Subjects

Number and counting books
Dinosaurs
Worms and other creepy crawlies
Alphabet books



Grade 2

Authors

Arnold Lobel
Peggy Parish
Patricia Polacco
Mercer Mayer
Syd Hoff
Robert Munsch

Titles

Little Bear
Henry and Mudge
Frog and Toad
Golly Sisters
Amelia Bedelia
Billy and Blaze by Anderson
Nate the Great
Horrible Harry
Danny and the Dinosaur
The Tenth Good Thing About Barney
Miss Rumphius

Poetry

Eloise Greenfield
Jack Prelutsky
Robert Louis Stevenson
Edna St. Vincent Millay
James Stevenson

Subjects

Animal Life
Sea Life
Native Americans

Grade 3

Authors

Beverly Cleary
James Marshall
Joanna Hurwitz
Suzy Kline
Patricia McKissack
Ruth Stiles Gannett
Robert Newton Peck
Dick King-Smith
Lois Lenski
Frances O. Dowell

Titles

Cam Jansen Mysteries
Velveteen Rabbit
Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers
Encyclopedia Brown
Sadako and the Thousand Cranes
Zack Files (series)
Weird School (series)
Soup and Me
My Father's Dragon
Little House on the Prairie (series)

Poetry

Shel Silverstein
Kali Dakos
Jane Yolen
A.A. Milne
Carl Sandburg

Subjects

Maps
Insects
Famous Americans
Rocks and minerals
Shells

Grade 4

Authors

Betsy Byars
Avi
Roald Dahl
Judy Blume
James Howe
Robert Lawson
Andrew Clement
Peg Kehret
Bill Wallace

Titles

Pippi Longstockings
Rabbit Hill
Morning Girl
Swiss Family Robinson
Freddie, the Detective
Chronicles of Narnia (series)
Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen



Stuart Little
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
Trumpet of the Swan
Wizard of Oz (series)
The Borrowers
Just So Stories by Kipling

Poetry

Robert Frost
Hiawatha
James Stevenson

Subjects

Electricity
Weather
Virginia History and Heroes
Solar System
Plants

Grade 5

Authors

Lois Lowery
E.L. Konigsberg
Mary Downing Hahn
Gary Paulson
Phyllis Naylor
Katherine Patterson
Natalie Babbitt
Susan Cooper
Richard Peck
Madeline L'Engle
Jack London
Rudyard Kipling

Titles

Shiloh
Summer of the Swans
Bridge to Teribithia
Arabian Nights
Redwall (series)
The Great Brain
Were the Red Fern Grows
Robin Hood
The Lightning Thief
The Grand Escape

Poetry

Judith Viorst
J. Patrick Lewis
Emily Dickinson
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Robert Louis Stevenson
Casey at the Bat

Subjects

Biographies
Daily newspaper
Environment
Ancient Cultures
Stars and Constellations
Greek myths