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Dear AYA Parents and Students,

Summer break is typically a time for kids to kick back, indulge in a little extra screen time, play outside, and embrace the kind of freedom that only comes with being young and having zero responsibilities. However, all of this free time can lead to the summer slide, a regression in academic proficiency due to summer break, and experts warn it is hindering kids' progress when they head back to school.

Please invest in time over the summer to provide reading material for your child, below is a list of books that your teachers have approved. Students who complete five book reports will receive extra credit in reading for the first quarter.



Summer Reading List:

Incoming First Grade

1. [Stone Soup](#), by Karen, Mockler
2. [A Day for Dad](#), Anthony, Curran
3. [At the Library](#), by Keith and Sarah, Kartemarin
4. [Katie and Katie](#), by Katie, Delbrige and Katie, Moore
5. [Why Does an Octopus Need Eight Arms?](#), by Anthony, Curran
6. [Under That Rock](#), by D.G, Chelsea
7. [Future Flowers](#), by Karen, Mockler
8. [Animal Costumes](#), by Nancy Helen, Kessier
9. [Shave It Off!](#) , by Gawain, Douglas
10. [Best Friends Q and U](#), by Karen, Mockler

11. [Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade](#), by Greene, Stephanie
12. [Geezer the Robot Goes to School!](#), by Lerner, Jarrett
13. [First Grade. Here I Come!](#), by Steinberg, David
14. [Ramona the Brave](#), by Cleary, Beverly
15. [A Big Guy Took My Ball!](#), by Willems, Mo

Incoming Second Grade

1. The Worst Witch, By Jill Murphy
2. Ada Twist, Scientist, By Andrea Beaty
3. The Magic School Bus, By Joanna Cole
4. Keena Ford: The Second Grade Mix-Up, By Melissa Thomas
5. Junie B. Jones, By Barbara Park
6. Ivy and Bean Series, By Annie Barrows
7. The Bad Guys, By Aaron Babley
8. Ready Freddy, Don't Sit On My Lunch, By Abby Klein
9. My Weird School Days, By Dan Gutman
10. Alvin Ho Series, By Lenore Look
11. EllRay Jakes Series, By Sally Warner
12. Absolutely Alfie, By Sally Warner
13. Stink Series, By Megan McDonald
14. Humphrey's Tiny Tales Series, By Betty G. Birney

Incoming Third Grade

1. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
2. What Are You Figuring Now?, A Story About Benjamin Banneker by Jeri Ferris
3. *The BFG* by Roald Dahl,
4. Miss Nelson Is Missing! by Harry Allard,

5. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
6. Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot
7. Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
8. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Incoming Fourth Grade

1. Card Boardia: The Other Side of the Box by Richard Fairgray and Lucy Campagnalo
2. Treasure in The Lake by Jason Pamment
3. Going Places by Chuck Garofano
4. Shirley and Jamila: Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz
5. Daring Darleen: Queen of the Screen by Anne Nesbet
6. Jannah Jewels Book 1 by Umma Nura
7. Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
8. The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney
9. Where the Mountain meets the Moon by Grace Lin
10. One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
11. The Great Unexpected by Sharon Greech
12. A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff
13. Extra Credit by Andrew Clements
14. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
15. Stuart Little by E. B. White

Fifth Grade

- Brown Girl Dreaming by Woodson, Jacqueline
- She Dared: Bethany Hamilton by Jenni L. Walsh
- The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child by Francisco Jimenez
- Someone like me : How one undocumented girl fought for her American dream by Arce, Julissa
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition) by Kamkwamba, William
- My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen
- I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition by Malala Yousafzai
- Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges
- Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid by Jerry Spinelli
- My Life with the Chimpanzees by Jane Goodall Amelia
- Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl
- The True Stories behind Hatchet and the Brian Books by Gary Paulsen
- Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming