



Ewing Township Public Schools

Summer Reading 2024

Students Entering Grades 3 - 5

Dear Second through Fourth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

As the end of the school year approaches and you think about the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss summer reading. I would like to encourage students to take some time to read literature they find enjoyable. The more students read, the more they learn, the better they write, and the more background knowledge they have to share during the school year. According to study.com, "Encouraging children to read is critical to helping them stay on track with other students and retain information and literacy development over the summer."

Reading over the summer is important for maintaining skills, but it is more important to keep it fun. Books that offer "mirrors and windows" help students better understand the world around them, as well as provide them the opportunity to reflect and learn. During the summer, we encourage families to read together or find a way to make it an enjoyable experience, not a chore.

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- Students choose their own books. Whenever possible, the book should be one that he/she can read independently. To make sure the book is "just right", open it to a page in the middle and begin reading. If he/she makes too many mistakes (2 or 3 mistakes for shorter books, 3 or 4 mistakes for longer books), he/she needs to select a different book. That many errors may make it difficult to understand the book.
- The book must be one the student has never read before.
- The book can be one you have at home (but haven't ever read before), an eBook or audiobook from [MackinVIA](#), one that you purchase, or one borrowed from the [Mercer County Library System](#).
- The media specialists have included some recommended reading resources and a recommended reading list to help you and your children.

Summer Reading Log

- Students should record the pages read each time they read. Use the attached Summer Reading Log to record your reading.
- The Reading Log must be given to your teacher **by Friday, September 13, 2024**
- Any student who returns a log will be entered in a raffle!

Have a wonderful summer and Happy Reading!

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Summer Reading Resources

The [Mercer County Library System](#) has books to borrow virtually or in-person. The librarians at the Mercer County Library have put together a [presentation for Ewing students](#).

All students have access to ebooks and audiobooks through [MackinVIA](#).

[Hoopla](#) - digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone **Need Mercer County Library Card to access

[Storyline Online](#) - this resource has a wonderful selection of books being read by professional actors

[International Children's Digital Library](#) -This resource provides ebooks in different languages, including but not limited to Persian/Farsi, Korean, Catalan, French, English and German. Some titles are available in multiple languages, and the images are large, bright and clear. The ebooks include fairy tales of different editions and in different languages.

[Open Library](#) - school Library designed for a k-12 audience, books by grade level **Need to sign up for free access

[Oxford Owl](#) - developed for children aged 3–11 years old. **Need to sign up for access

Summer Reading Recommendations For Students Entering Grades 3-5

Entering Grade 3	Entering Grade 4	Entering Grade 5
Fiction	Fiction	Fiction
<p><i>Pinky and Rex</i> series by James Howe</p> <p><i>Judy Moody</i> series by Megan McDonald</p> <p><i>Black Lagoon</i> series by Mike Thaler</p> <p><i>Nate the Great</i> series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat</p> <p><i>Horrible Harry</i> series by Suzy Kline</p> <p><i>Junie B. Jones</i> series by Barbara Park</p> <p><i>Magic Tree House</i> series by Mary Pope Osborne</p> <p><i>Polk Street</i> series by Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p><i>A-Z Mysteries Series</i> and <i>Calendar Mysteries Series</i> by Ron Roy</p> <p><i>Amber Brown</i> series by Paula Danziger</p> <p><i>How to be Cool in Third Grade</i> by Betsy Duffey</p> <p><i>My Weird School</i> series by Dan Gutman</p> <p><i>Baseball Card Adventures</i> by Dan Gutman</p> <p><i>Genius Files</i> by Dan Gutman</p> <p><i>The Year of Billy Miller</i> by Kevin Henkes</p> <p><i>Shredderman</i> series by Wendelin Van Draanen</p> <p><i>Melonhead</i> series by Katy Kelly</p> <p><i>Nerdy Birdy</i> by Aaron Reynolds</p> <p><i>A Chair for My Mother</i> By Vera B. Williams</p> <p><i>Dragon was Terrible</i> by Kelly DiPucchio</p>	<p><i>Aliens Ate my Homework</i> by Bruce Coville</p> <p><i>Superfudge</i> by Judy Blume</p> <p><i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> by Judy Blume</p> <p><i>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i> by Louis Sachar</p> <p><i>The Field Guide</i> by Tony DiTerlizzi</p> <p>Holly Black</p> <p><i>The Magician's Boy</i> by Susan Cooper</p> <p><i>The Stonekeeper</i> by Kazu Kibuishi</p> <p><i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Hank Zipper series by Henry Winkler</p> <p><i>The Basket Counts</i> by Matt Christopher</p> <p><i>The Jacket</i> by Andrew Clements</p> <p><i>The Landry News</i> by Andrew Clements</p> <p><i>Poppy</i> by Avi</p> <p><i>The Doll People</i> by Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin</p> <p><i>Eleven Birthdays</i> by Wendy Mass</p> <p><i>Clementine</i> series by Sarah Pennybacker</p> <p><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>Doll People</i> by Ann M. Martin (is now a series)</p> <p><i>So Be It</i> by Sarah Weeks and other various titles</p> <p>Various titles by Wendy Massj</p> <p><i>Nory Ryan's Song</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p><i>The Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p><i>Eleven</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Various titles by Mike Lupica</p>	<p><i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> by Patricia MacLachlan</p> <p><i>Every Living Thing</i> by Cynthia Rylant</p> <p><i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p><i>From The Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> by E. L. Konigsburg</p> <p><i>The Lemonade War</i> by Jacqueline Davies</p> <p><i>The Family Under the Bridge</i> by Natalie Savage Carlson</p> <p><i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> by Bette Bao Lord</p> <p><i>The Borrowers</i> by Mary Norton</p> <p><i>How the Stars Fell into the Sky</i> by Jerrie Oughton</p> <p><i>The Janitor's Boy</i> by Andrew Clements</p> <p><i>Chasing Vermeer</i> by Blue Balliett</p> <p><i>Long Shot</i> by Mike Lupica</p> <p><i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i> by Jack Gantos</p> <p><i>Love That Dog</i> by Sharon Creech</p> <p><i>Yellow Bird and Me</i> by Joyce Hansen</p> <p><i>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale Of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a very Interesting-Boy</i> by Jeanne Birdsall</p> <p><i>Save Me a Seat</i> by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan</p> <p><i>Pax</i> by Sara Pennypacker</p> <p><i>Fish in a Tree</i> by Lynda Lulally Hunt</p> <p><i>Wishtree</i> by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>Sammy Keyes series</p> <p><i>Preacher's Boy</i> by Katherine Patterson</p> <p><i>May Bird and the Ever After</i> by Jodi Lynn Anderson</p> <p><i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar</p> <p><i>Front Desk</i> by Kelly Yang</p>

<p><i>Most People</i> by Michael Leannah</p> <p><i>A Hat for Mrs. Goldman</i> by Michelle Edwards & G. Brian Karas</p> <p><i>Extra Yarn</i> by Mac Barnett & Jon Klassen</p> <p><i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> by Matt de la Pena</p>	<p><i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia</p>	<p><i>Elijah of Buxton</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>Rain Reign</i> by Ann M. Martin</p> <p><i>Stella by Starlight</i> by Sharon Draper</p>
Nonfiction	Nonfiction	Nonfiction
<p><i>The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto</i> by Natalie Standiford</p> <p><i>Bug Out! The World's Creepiest, Crawliest Critters</i> by Ginjer Clarke</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King</i> by Marzollo</p> <p><i>Amazing Bats</i> by Seymour Simon</p> <p><i>Animals Finding Food</i> by Wendy Perkins</p> <p><i>Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express</i> by Margaret K. Wetterer</p> <p><i>Magic Tree House Research Guide Series</i> by Mary Pope Osborne and Will Pope</p> <p><i>Magic School Bus Chapter Book Series</i> by Joanna Cole</p> <p><i>Super Storms</i> by Simon Semour</p> <p><i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> by Tomi dePaola</p> <p><i>Who was</i> series by various authors</p> <p><i>Geography for A to Z</i> by Jack Knowlton</p>	<p><i>G Great Migration</i> by Jacob Lawrence</p> <p><i>Everything Reptile: What Kids Really Want to Know about Reptiles</i> by Cherie Winner</p> <p><i>Spectacular Sharks</i> by Bobbie Kalman</p> <p><i>Escaping Titanic: A Young Girl's True Story of Survival</i> by M. Lorbiecki</p> <p><i>Owen and Maze: The Story of Remarkable Friendship</i> by Hatkoff, Kahumbu, and Greste</p> <p><i>I Survived...</i> series by Lauren Tarshis</p> <p><i>Marsupials</i> by Nic Bishop or any other Bishop nonfiction topic</p> <p><i>Who was</i> series by various authors</p> <p><i>She Persisted: 13 Women Who Changed the World</i> by Chelsea Clinton</p> <p><i>Viola Desmond Won't be Budged</i> by Jody Nyasha Warner</p>	<p>Any nonfiction by Mike Venezia</p> <p><i>Mummies Made in Egypt</i> by Alike</p> <p><i>The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal</i> by Cheryl Harness</p> <p><i>Eleanor</i> by Barbara Cooney</p> <p><i>A More Perfect Union</i> by Betsy Maestro</p> <p><i>Desert Animals</i> by Connor Dayton</p> <p><i>How Dogs Came From Wolves</i> by Jack Myers</p> <p><i>Blizzards</i> by Jim Murphy</p> <p>Any nonfiction by Seym</p> <p><i>Little Leaders: Bold Black Women in History</i> by Vashti Harrison</p> <p><i>Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker</i> by Patricia Hruby Powell</p>



Summer Reading Log

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Name: _____ Grade in September: _____

DIRECTIONS: Choose your summer reading book. Record the information below each time you read. You can add lined paper if you run out of space, or additional pages can be printed from the Summer Reading link on your school's website. **This reading log must be given to your teacher by September 13, 2024.**

Date	Book Title	Total Minutes Read Today	Total Pages Read Today	How many stars would I give today's reading?	Big Idea for Today's Reading

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Total Number of Pages Read this Summer: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____