



Ewing Township Public Schools

Summer Reading 2024

Students Entering Grades 1 and 2

Dear Kindergarten and First Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

Reading to your child or with your child at home helps to make him or her a better listener, improves vocabulary development, and can improve his/her overall academic success. A parent/guardian who reads to or with his/her child for twenty minutes each day will provide an additional 3,600 minutes of reading each year (1,800,000 words per year).

Over the summer, we encourage families to read together or find a way to make it an enjoyable experience, not a chore.

To promote reading at home, this year's summer reading for students entering grades 1 and 2 will give students the opportunity to read independently, read with a partner, or listen to a book being read to them.

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- The school district will be sending home Take-Home Packs for students entering grades 1 and 2 in September. Each pack includes a variety of books and a Passport To Reading. The Passport can be used as the summer reading log for the students.
- Additionally, students can read other books during the summer.
- The books chosen by students entering grades 1 and 2 can be read independently or can be read with someone else. The goal is to read...read...read, so reading together counts! You can even read books in another language!
- Beyond the take-home packs, students can read books 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](#).
- Websites such as Storyline Online (www.storylineonline.net) and [Raz-Plus](#) "count" as reading.
- The media specialists have included some recommended reading resources and a recommended reading list to help you and your children.

Summer Reading Log

- Students can use the Passport to Reading, included in their take-home book pack, as their reading log or use the reading log included with this letter.
- Help your child record in their log, as they read.
- Any student who returns a Passport to Reading and or a reading log will be entered in a raffle!

Happy Reading!

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me.

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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

[Raz-Plus](#) - students can practice reading anytime, anywhere - at home, on the go, and even during the summer! [Use the login information you have used during the school year](#).

[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 1 and 2

Entering Grade 1	Entering Grade 2
Fiction	Fiction
<p><i>Biscuit</i> Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See</i> and various other titles by Bill Martin <i>Footprints in the Snow</i> by Cynthia Benjamin <i>I Went Walking</i> by Sue Williams <i>Rain</i> by Robert Kalan <i>Rainbow of my Own</i> by Don Freeman <i>Sleepy Dog</i> by Harriet Ziefert <i>Bears, Bears Everywhere</i> by Luella Connelly <i>I am Water</i> by Jean Marzollo <i>Here are My Hands</i> by Bill Martin <i>Wheels</i> by Annie Cobb <i>Bears on Wheels</i> by Stan and Jan Berenstain Various titles by Eric Carle <i>Buzz Beaker</i> series by Cari Meister <i>Tiny</i> series by Cari Meister <i>Yoko</i> series by Rosemary Wells <i>The Little Red Hen, The Three Bears,</i> and other titles by Byron Barton <i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i> by Kevin Henkes <i>Old Bear</i> by Kevin Henkes <i>Little White Rabbit</i> by Kevin Henkes <i>Waiting</i> by Kevin Henkes Various titles by Karma Wilson <i>Fancy Nancy</i> easy reader series by Jane O'Connor Various titles by Mo Willems <i>The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade</i> by Justin Roberts <i>The Big Umbrella</i> by Amy June Bates <i>The Rabbit Listened</i> By Cori Doerrfeld <i>Grumpy Goat</i> by Brett Helquist <i>Horrible Bear</i> by Ame Dyckman <i>Plant a Kiss</i> by Amy Krause Rosenthal <i>Hair Love</i> by Matthew A. Cherry <i>All Are Welcome</i> by Alexandra Penfold</p>	<p><i>The Fly Guy Series</i> by Ted Arnold <i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> by Robert Kraus <i>Noisy Nora</i> by Rosemary Wells <i>The Napping House</i> by Audrey Wood The Littles series by John Peterson <i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i> by Syd Hoff <i>Curious George</i> by Margaret Rey (various authors) <i>Addie's Bad Day</i> by Joan Robins <i>Jamberry</i> by Bruce Degen <i>The Doorbell Rang</i> by Pat Hutchins <i>Peter's Chair</i> by Ezra Keats <i>The Grandma Mix-up</i> by Emily McCully <i>The Blind Men and the Elephant</i> by Karen Backstein <i>Bedtime for Francis</i> by Russell Hoban <i>Pocket for Corduroy</i> by Don Freeman <i>The Trotters of Tweeville Series</i> by Shirin Zarqa-Lederman <i>Katie Woo</i> series by Fran Manushkin <i>Stink</i> series by Megan McDonald <i>Ready Freddy</i> series by Abby Klein <i>Annie & Snowball</i> series by Cynthia Rylant <i>Nancy Clancy</i> series by Jane O'Connor <i>Frog and Toad</i> by Arnold Lobel <i>Bear</i> series by Bonny Becker Various titles by Ame Dyckman local author <i>Bad Kitty</i> series by Nick Bruel <i>Young Cam Jansen</i> by David Adler Various titles by Doreen Cronin <i>Ivy & Bean</i> series by Annie Barrows <i>Good People Everywhere</i> By Lynea Gillen & Kristina Swarner <i>I Believe I Can</i> by Grace Byers <i>My Hair is a Garden</i> by Cozbi A. Cabrera <i>Ron's Big Mission</i> by Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden</p>

Nonfiction	Nonfiction
<p><i>Flying</i> by Donald Crews <i>Who Lives Here?</i> by Rozanne L. Williams <i>Me and My Amazing Body</i> by Joan Sweeney <i>My Five Senses</i> by Aliko <i>Baby Dolphin's First Day</i> by Connie and Peter Roop <i>Dolphins</i> by Melissa Stewart <i>A is for Autumns</i> by Robert Maass <i>It's Snowing</i> by Gail Gibbons <i>The Moon Book</i> by Gail Gibbons <i>What is the Story of Our Flag?</i> By Janice Behrens <i>Animal Babies</i> by Andrea Pinington <i>See Me Grow</i> by Arlon Penelope <i>Starfish</i> by Edith Thacher Hurd</p>	<p><i>How Mountains Are Made</i> by Kathleen Weidener Zoehfeld <i>Germs Make Me Sick</i> by Melvin Berger <i>Volcanoes</i> by Franklyn Branley <i>The Sky is Full of Stars</i> by Franklyn Branley <i>Danger! Volcanoes</i> by Seymour Simon <i>Abigail Adams</i> by Alexandra Wallner <i>A Picture Book of Eleanor Roosevelt</i> by David Adler <i>Sharks</i> by Gail Gibbons <i>The Pumpkin Book</i> by Gail Gibbons <i>Gorillas Gentle Giants of the Forest</i> by Joyce Milton <i>Diving Dolphins</i> by Karen Wallace <i>The Barefoot Book of Children</i> by Kate DePalma and Tessa Strickland</p>

