

Suggested Summer Reading List

Author		Title	Genre
Baglio	Ben	Animal Ark series	Fiction
Baratz-Logsted	Lauren	Sisters Eight series	Fiction
Benton	Jim	Franny K. Stein series	Fantasy
Birney	Betty G.	Adventure According to Humphrey	Fiction
Bishop	Nic	Spiders (and others)	Nonfiction
Buckley	Michael	Sisters Grimm series	Mystery
Cheng	Andrea	The Year of the Book	Fiction
Cowell	Cressida	How To Train Your Dragon series	Fantasy
Cronin	Doreen	The Trouble With Chickens	Mystery/Humor
Gaiman	Neil	Fortunately, the Milk	Fantasy
Greenburg	Dan	The Zack Files series	Fantasy
Hale	Bruce	Chet Gecko Mystery series	Mystery Humor
Harrison	Paula	Rescue Princesses series	Fiction
Holub	Joan	Grimmtastic Girls series	Fantasy
Hughes	Ted	The Iron Giant	Fiction
Hunt	Elizabeth S.	Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series	Fiction
Jennings	Patrick	Guinea Dog	Fiction
Krulik	Nancy	George Brown, Class Clown series	Fiction
Krulik	Nancy	Katie Kazoo Switcheroo series	Fiction
Maddox	Jake	Jake Maddox Sports Story series	Fiction
McDonald	Megan	Judy Moody series; Stink series	Realistic Fiction
McMullan	Kate	Dragon Slayers' Academy series	Fantasy
Miles	Ellen	The Puppy Place series	Fiction
Mlynowski	Sarah	Whatever After series	Fiction
Osborne	Mary Pope	Magic Tree House Research Guides	Nonfiction
Roy	Ron	A-Z Mystery series	Mystery
Simon	Francesca	Horrid Henry series	Realistic Fiction
Simon	Seymour	Volcanoes (and others)	Nonfiction
St. George	Judith	So You Want To Be An Inventor?	Nonfiction
Tarshis	Lauren	I Survived series	Historical Fiction
various	authors	Who Was/Is series	Biography
Viorst	Judith	Lulu and the Brontosaurus	Fiction
Warner	Gertrude C.	Boxcar Children series	Mystery



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 4

June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Malden Public Schools' 2016 summer reading list is your ticket to adventurous travels through books. We hope you and your family will read about other countries, cultures, and people all over the world.

Students are required to read regularly throughout the summer, with a weekly goal of 2 hours. We strongly recommend reading at least 20-30 minutes every day. Books can be read by students on their own or with a partner during the summer. Partners for reading out loud can be parents, guardians, brothers, sisters or other interested caregivers.

Students must log their minutes read every night using the enclosed calendar and complete a Reading Response for any one book. They can read from the suggested list or books of their own choosing. Help your child complete the Reading Response by discussing books they have read or books that have been read to them.

We encourage you to visit the Malden Public Library regularly with your child. The library has copies of the summer reading books, offers fun children's activities for free, and runs a 6-week Summer Reading Program (beginning June 27) that provides special incentives to children who read two or more hours each week.

Extra forms will be available at the Malden Public Library and on the Malden Public Schools' website: <http://maldenps.org/academics/summer-reading/>. Students must return completed forms to their school in September.

Sincerely,

Dr. David DeRuosi, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Family Summer Reading Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Children can lose as much as a half a grade level in their reading level during the summer. Between kindergarten and grade 5, not reading over the summer can result in the loss of as much as 3 grade levels of reading growth. The only way to combat summer reading loss is by reading a lot over the summer. Make a plan to read to or with your child everyday for 20-30 minutes.



- Reading aloud to your child counts as reading. So, if your child isn't reading yet or is reluctant to read on their own, read to them.
- Talk about what you are reading. Give your opinion about the events in the book and ask what your child thinks.
- The best way to learn new words is by reading. Look for words your child may not know as you read. Talk about what they mean. Try to use some of the words later with your child.
- Take books with you wherever you go. Keep books in the car for day trips. Going on errands, take along a set of books to talk about and read as you go. Read at the beach or the park.

All students entering grades kindergarten through fourth grade must read at least 20-30 minutes every day. All students must turn in a reading calendar and one Reading Response when school begins in August.

Need the forms? Visit the Malden Public Schools website, <http://maldenps.org/academics/summer-reading/>

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