

Suggested Summer Reading List



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Kindergarten

Author		Title
Brett	Jan	Town Mouse Country Mouse (and others)
Bunting	Eve	The Wednesday Surprise
Burns	Marilyn	The Greedy Triangle
Carlson	Nancy	Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come (and others)
Crews	Donald	Ten Black Dots
Curtis	Jamie Lee	It's Hard to Be Five
Davis	Katie	Kindergarten Rocks
Donaldson	Julia	The Snail and the Whale (and others)
Fox	Mem	Koala Lou (and others)
Freymann	Saxton	Food For Thought
Hoberman	Maryann	The Seven Silly Eaters
Hutchins	Pat	The Doorbell Rang
Joyce	William	George Shrinks
Kates	Bobbi	We're Different, We're the Same
Krensky	Stephen	My Teacher's Secret Life
Kroll	Virginia	On the Way to Kindergarten
Lionni	Leo	A Color of His Own
Matheson	Christie	Tap the Magic Tree
McGhee	Alison	Countdown to Kindergarten
McPhail	David	Mole Music / The Teddy Bear
Meddaugh	Susan	Martha Speaks (and others)
Parr	Todd	It's Okay To Be Different
Rockwell	Anne	Welcome to Kindergarten
Rosen	Michael	We're Going On a Bear Hunt
Seuss	Dr.	Horton Hears a Who (and others)
Sierra	Judy	Counting Crocodiles
Slate	Joseph	Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten (and others)
Steinberg	DJ	Kindergarten, Here I Come!
Steig	William	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Thomas	Jan	Rhyming Dust Bunnies
Wells	Rosemary	Bunny Money (and others)
Whybrow	Ian	Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs
Willems	Mo	The Pigeon Needs a Bath (and others)
Wing	Natasha	The Night Before Kindergarten

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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 (or be read to) regularly throughout the summer, with a weekly goal of two 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 care givers. 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.



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All students entering grades kindergarten through fifth 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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