

Suggested Summer Reading List



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 2

Author		Title	Genre
Arnold	Tedd	Fly Guy series	Early Reader
Brown	Charlotte Lewis	The Day the Dinosaurs Died	Nonfiction
Bruchac	Joseph	How Chipmunk Got His Stripes	Folklore
Choi	Yangsook	The Name Jar	Picture Book
Colandro	Lucille	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell (and others)	Picture Book
Cronin	Doreen	Diary of a Worm (and others)	Picture Book
Danziger	Paula	A Is For Amber series	Early Reader
Demi		The Empty Pot	Folklore
DePaola	Tomie	Strega Nona	Folklore
Derting	Kimberly	Cece Loves Science: Push and Pull!	Early Reader
Farshtay	Greg	The Way of the Ninja (and others)	Early Reader
Faruqi	Saadia	Yasmin series	Early Reader
Hapka	Cathy	How Not to Babysit Your Brother	Early Reader
Hoberman	Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I'll Read To You	Picture Book
Hoff	Syd	Danny and the Dinosaur (and others)	Early Reader
Katz	Karen	The Colors of Us	Picture Book
Kenah	Katharine	The Best Seat in Second Grade	Early Reader
Kessler	Leonard	Mr. Pine's Purple House	Early Reader
Knudsen	Michelle	Library Lion	Picture Book
Let's Read and Find Out Science books		What Lives in a Shell? (and others)	Nonfiction
Lin	Grace	Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!	Early Reader
Lobel	Arnold	Frog and Toad series	Early Reader
Lovell	Patty	Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon	Picture Book
Manushkin	Fran	Katie Woo series	Early Reader
Marzollo	Jean	I Spy Scholastic Readers	Early Reader
Miller	Sara Swan	Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog (and others)	Early Reader
O'Connor	Jane	Fancy Nancy (I Can Read Series)	Early Reader
Palmer	Helen	A Fish Out of Water	Early Reader
Rey	H.A.	Curious George (and others)	Picture Book
Rylant	Cynthia	Mr. Putter and Tabby (and others)	Early Reader
Sander	Sonia	Fire Truck to the Rescue!	Early Reader
Schwartz	Alvin	Ghosts!	Folklore
Spinelli	Eileen	Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch	Picture Book
Sturges	Philomen	Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza	Picture Book
Tang	Greg	Math for All Seasons	Nonfiction
Thomson	Sarah	Amazing Sharks! (and others)	Nonfiction

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Malden Public Schools' 2021 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 day 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 the books that 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 Club (registration required) that provides prizes and certificates to children who read two or more hours each week (visit www.maldenpubliclibrary.org).

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 August.

Sincerely,

Janice Raymond
Director of Title I

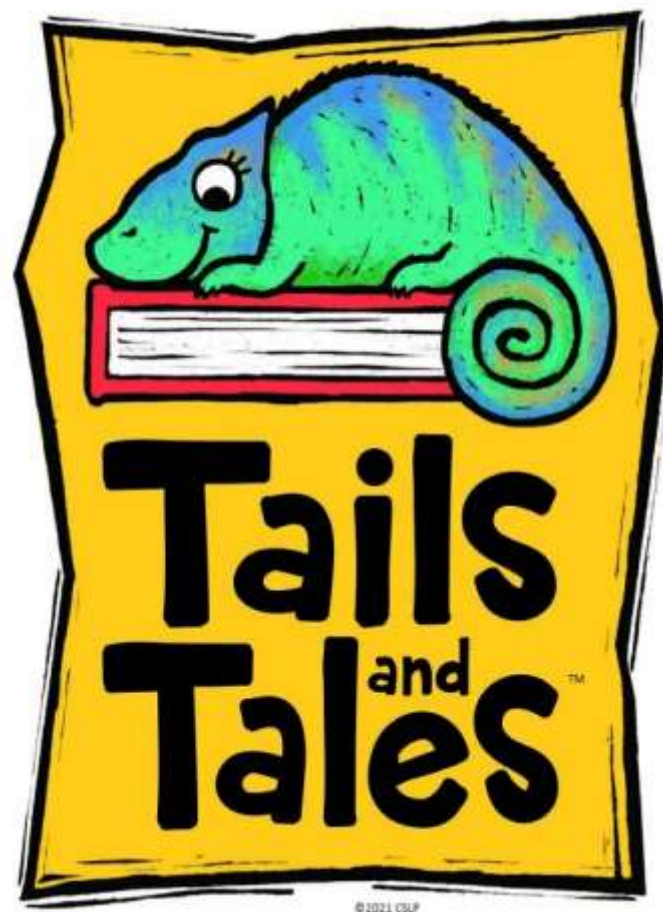
Family Summer Reading Tips

- **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.
- Visit the library as often as possible. If you are having trouble finding books to interest your child, ask the children's librarian for help. They can recommend lots of great books, even for the most reluctant of readers.



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For Students Entering Grade 2



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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