

Suggested Summer Reading List

Author		Title	Genre
Applegate	Katherine	The One and Only Ivan	Fiction
Ballard	Robert	Exploring the Titanic	Nonfiction
Blume	Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing series	Realistic Fiction
Bosch	Pseudonymous	The Name of This Book is Secret series	Fiction
Cottrell Boyce	Frank	Cosmic	Fiction
Buyea	Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt	Fiction
Clements	Andrew	No Talking (and others)	Realistic Fiction
Dahl	Roald	The Witches (and others)	Fantasy
Davies	Jacqueline	The Lemonade War (and others)	Realistic Fiction
DiCamillo	Kate	The Tale of Despereaux	Fantasy
Epstein	Adam J.	The Familiars	Fantasy
Gibbs	Stuart	Spy School (and others)	Fiction
Gidwitz	Adam	A Tale Dark and Grimm	Fantasy
Grabenstein	Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Fiction
Green	Tim	Football Genius (and others)	Sports Fiction
Greenwald	Tom	Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading	Fiction
Kehret	Peg	The Ghost's Grave	Fiction
Lin	Grace	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Fiction
Lloyd	Natalie	A Snicker of Magic	Fantasy
Lupica	Mike	Comeback Kids series	Sports Fiction
Martin	Ann M.	A Dog's Life	Fiction
Mass	Wendy	The Candymakers	Fiction
Mercer	Sienna	My Sister the Vampire series	Fantasy
Pastis	Stephan	Timmy Failure series	Mystery
Shurtliff	Liesl	Rump	Fiction
Smith	Clete B.	Aliens on Vacation	Fiction
Spinelli	Jerry	Jake and Lily	Fiction
Sutherland	Tui	Wings of Fire series	Fantasy
Tashjian	Janet	My Life as a Book	Fiction
West	Jacqueline	Books of Elsewhere series	Fantasy
various	authors	Poison Apple Books	Fiction
Williams-Garcia	Rita	One Crazy Summer	Fiction
Wulffson	Don	The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle	Nonfiction
Wrede	Patricia	Dealing with Dragons series	Fantasy



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 5

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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